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Blair backs health spokeswoman despite private calls for dismissal over choice of selective grammar school for son

Harman toughs it out

Patrick Wintour, Chief

HE Labour leader, Tony Blair, put his authority on the line last night when he backed Harriet Harman, his isolated health spokeswoman, despite calls from senior members of the shadow cabinet for her to be sacked over her decision to send her son to a selective

grammar school.

After a day spent locked at home, with rumours of her resignation mounting at Westminster, Ms Harman met Mr Blair last night in his office before going on Chan-nel 4 News to insist her decision was taken in the interests of her son and did not compromise the party's decades-long opposition to

selection.
Against a storm of criticism from within her party, Ms Harman said: "I am not going to be resigning. I don't think my position is untenable. I know our choice has been controversial, but we had to make the right decision in the interests of our child, and I think most parents up and down the country would have done exactly the same thing. She added: "Our party's

policy remains opposed to selection. I support that. This was a personal choice for us and we made it in the circumstances as they are now. We would have been less than human if we had done anything else.

She insisted the grantmaintained St Olave's School in Orpington, Kent, to which she is sending her second son Joe, was a state school, even though children were selected

by entrance exam. She said: "We do not think the way to improve the education system is by a return to the 11-plus, creaming off 25 per cent and writing off 75 per cent." Tory sources, however, pointed out that the school was so successful precisely because it was based on selection at 11, making her posi-In the Commons, the

Labour front bench unequivocally resffirmed its opposi-tion to selection, but Gillian Shephard, the Education Sec. retary, claimed Labour's edu-cation policies, one of the cen-tre-pieces of its pitch in the coming election, were in total disarray".



MP trawled opt-out schools

JARRIET Harman, the Labour Party's health spokesman, applied to send her son to two other grant-maintained schools in the affluent Bromley area, it Cherie Blair for their son. emerged last night, writes Donald MacLeod.

east London primary school attended by her son Joseph, tion sources in the London regularly sends children to Borough of Bromley.

St Olave's and St Saviour's, the school in Orpington, Kent, where he won a place in a selective exam. Dulwich Hamlets does not appear in a list of feeder schools in St

Olave's prospectus. Malcolm Edwards, a gov ernor of St Olave's, said last night: "Nobody went in September 1995 from there. There was at least one the year before, but none in the

year before that." St Olave's selects 90 boys a year in highly competi-tive tests in reasoning, English and mathematics. reflected in the 99 per cent of pupils who gain five A to C grades at GCSE. Southwark local authority said only a handful of children from the borough would go to St Olave's.

Ms Harman and her hus-band Jack Dromey, an official of the Transport and General Workers' Union, send their elder son Harry The information about Doubt was meanwhile grant-maintained schools cast on the suggestion that outside Ms Harman's home Dulwich Hamlets, the south-

Ms Harman's explanations and were privately urging her could cause long-term damage

Labour's backbench educa-Labour's backbench educa-tion committee chairman on Sunday, said he had "resigned because the action taken by Harriet Harman is parent in every community."

argued: "Selection is a mecha-nism for perpetuating the old class divide which has prevented Britain creating a dethat won't be achieved unless the professional classes, MPs included, send their children to local comprehensives as criteria."

total disarray".

Former shadow minister Leader comment, Letters,
Some senior shadow cabi- Ann Clwyd echoed the criti-

net members last night cism, saying: "On this partic-remained dissatisfied with ular issue, she is wrong."

Ms Harman's explanations Mr Blair was told of Ms Harman's decision to send dismissal, even though that her son to a grammar school has been ruled out. The row after it had been taken. He believes her behaviour does not for Labour if the Tory charge represent a breach of party of Labour hypocrisy over policy in that Labour does not propose shutting the existing grammar schools without carequality sticks.

Gerry Steinberg, the Durham MP who quit his post as rying out ballots of local

communities. in direct contradiction to
Labour's policy on comprehensive education and somebody had to make a stand".

have the right to exercise a
preference for their child to Writing in the Guardian, go to the school of their the Labour whip Peter Hain choice. That preference choice. That preference should not be blocked by any mechanism that prevents a child entering that school either on his prior attainment cent educational system with at the age of 11 or on the inter-high standards for all. But view of his parents by a head that then excludes that child because the parents don't match a particular set of



Harriet Harman leaving ITN last night after saying she had made the right choice of school for her son MARTIN ARGLES

Galileo plunges Nasa in mystery

Tim Radford Science Editor

probe that plunged to an explosive end in the dense, choking atmosphere of the planet Jupiter in Decem-ber, last night delivered a delayed bombshell for as-

tronomers.

The first data sent back by the probe on its 57 minutes of transmission, as it descended deep into the gaseous giant, may force scientists to reconsider their theories of plane-

tary formation. The results, released by Nasa's Ames Research Centre at Mountain View, California, yesterday, suggested that Ju-piter's atmosphere contained only half the helium expected. Other rare elements such as neon were also "missing". Scientists expected the atmosphere to be layered, like a cake. Instead of three obvious tiers in the structure, they found none. There should have been evidence of lightning, and there wasn't. They expected water, and detected very little. They found even stronger winds than they had

expected.
The results are tantalising.
But then the story of the probe has been an exaspera-tion from the start. The ex-periment was conceived two cades ago, delayed by the Challenger shuttle tragedy, and then rethought to take in the lessons of that tra

Things went wrong. The

main antenna failed to unfurl, and all the spacecraft's infor-mation has been relayed haltingly on a secondary antenna. The mainship's tape recorder appeared to fail and then righted itself. Timing and dodgy technology meant that for a knuckle whitening hour or more, scientists in California had no news of whether or not the probe made its piter's depths. Days elapsed information had been relayed to the parent craft in orbit Turn to page 2, column 6

Princess challenged on 'false allegations'

Edward Pilkington

HE Princess of Wales's campaign to create a role for herself as "ambassador for Britain" received a double blow yesterday with the resignation of her closest facing a legal challenge over comments she is alleged to have made about one of her husband's employees. Patrick Jephson, the prin-

ess's private secretary since 1991, said his decision to quit had been made "perfectly am-icably" and that there was "no particular reason" be-hind his departure save a wish to pursue a new career.

However, the fact that his departure takes effect immediately is likely to fuel speculation that he had darker motives for leaving Mr. Pophers tives for leaving. Mr Jephson is understood to have been disappointed that she failed to inform him of her controversial Panorama interview until the morning it was announced and by her use of the term "the enemy" to describe Buckingham Palace officials. In a further development, it

was announced yesterday that the princess is to employ ndent media pundit to advise her on handling the press.
The legal challenge come from Tiggy Legge-Bourke, the nanny employed by the Prince of Wales. She has in-

structed the libel lawyer,



Tiggy Legge-Bourke: has instructed libel lawyer

Peter Carter-Ruck, to write to the princess's solicitors de-manding a retraction of "false allegations" the princess is alleged to have made against her.

The legal challenge is said to relate to "hurtful com-ments" made by the princess to the nanny at a staff Christmas party. A week after the alleged incident, on December 20, Mr Carter-Ruck warned newspapers not to repeat rumours being made about year the prince of the prince of

detailed, private letter was sent at the same time to the princess's lawyers, Mishcon de Reya, demanding a

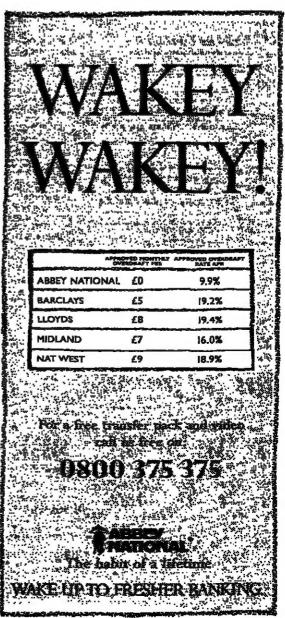
Ms Legge-Bourke was taken on in 1983 as "social secre-tary" with a special brief referring to princes William and Harry. Her close relationship with the boys as well as with the prince — which the palace in recent months has been at pains to point out have always been correct — are said to have annoyed the

Mr Jephson's departure brings to an end eight years of what the palace last night called his "loyal service" on behalf of the princess. He worked for three years as her equerry before becoming pri-

vate secretary.

Mr Jephson said he had always intended to resign this year but only informed the princess of the decision yes-terday at Kensington Palace. According to the palace, the princess was "very sorry" to lose htm.

The resignation leaves the princess with a seriously de-pleted support staff at a time when she is under considerable stress over divorce nego-Geoffrey Crawford, refused to work for her soon after the Panorama interview, and last point an equerry to replace Edward Musto who left at the



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Live TV joins Sky in scramble for sport

HE tide of sports rights flowing to Rupert Mur-doch's Sky Sports was dra-matically stemmed last night when Live TV, the channel that brings you topless darts and plotiess soaps, made an andscious bid for live football - £10,000 per year for 20 live games from ... the Pontins

The league, made up of the reserve teams of northern Premiership and Football League clubs, is the channel's offer. is discussing "We have received a pro-

posal and it is being discussed by the management commit-tee. A decision however is not

League spokesman yesterday.

The 2500 per match offer is year. The GMVC has recently The 2500 per match offer is dwarfed by Sky's £304 million five-year deal for Premiership football. It pales next to its £125 million five-year deal for Endsleigh League action, and it is a mere flea on the ample buttocks of Murdoch's £1.2 billion Olympic bid. But Live

TV is not embarrassed.
"Yes, conversations have been held," said Tim Lewis, a
Live TV spokesman. "The
logic is that this is a chance to
see good players fighting to
see good players fighting to

been courted by one terres-trial channel and two cable channels. However tough the battle for football gets though it is

unlikely to spread to the world's smallest regional league, the Scilly Isles league, which has only one club, whose A and B teams play each other every week.

One small-time league

get back in the first team and young stars of tomorrow."

So how far can the football rights war stretch? The GM Vauxhall Conference, soccer's Division Five, was side league. "But with the cer's Division Five. was screened on the cable sports price of sports rights the way channel Wire TV for £50,000 a season until the station was ask for crisps as well now."

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Sketch

Stepford wife deserts House



Simon Hoggart

HE Tories had far too much to be happy about vesterday. They could ick either the Liberals' eaked document (in which the party accused itself of being "naive", "woolly" and "barmy"), or Harriet Harcision to send her son

to a selective grammar school. So the Conservatives were in the position of a fortunate dog, obliged to choose be-tween gnawing a juicy bone or licking its private parts.

one thing, the Liberals have always been naive and barmy.

That's their charm. For another, there was the loud silence from Labour. Though the Education Secre-tary, Gillian Shephard, allowed two dozen interrup-tions to her speech, not one was in Ms Harman's defence.

Nor was she herself present as Tories were quick to point out. With his usual clodhopping irony — it's like watching a hippo trying to tap dance — David Shaw (C. Dover) asked whether the order papers had been distributed since "people with an interest in grant-maintained schools are not present for

Possibly she was advised not to show her face. Perhaps she had an unbreakable appointment. Either way, I suspect it was a mistake. When Dennis Skinner was assailed in the weekend press, he was first into the Chamber on Monday and scowled at every one while sucking a gigantic minto. The story of his affair was dead in two days.

Not turning up looks wimp-ish. It concedes your opponents' case by default. If she had appeared the Tories would have bayed and jeered, but they would secretly have admired her spunk. Labour MPs would have been obliged

As it is, Ms Harman is pay-ing the price for being a Step-

ford wife in the New Labour Party. She looks too smooth, too self-satisfied, too close to Mr Blair's middle-class ideal. There are those who suspect she was not born, but assembled in a lab by Peter Mandel son. Numerous Labour MPs are, behind their hands, delighted by her discomfiture.

And like many people who are generally supposed to look good on television, she doesn't Less obviously handsome women such as Mo Mow-lam and Clare Short are treated more kindly by the camera because they are tough, funny and sincere. Even today, these count for

more than high cheekbones. Tory after Tory denounced Ms Harman. Mrs Shephard echoed them by accusing her repeatedly of wanting "choice and diversity for herself, while removing them from

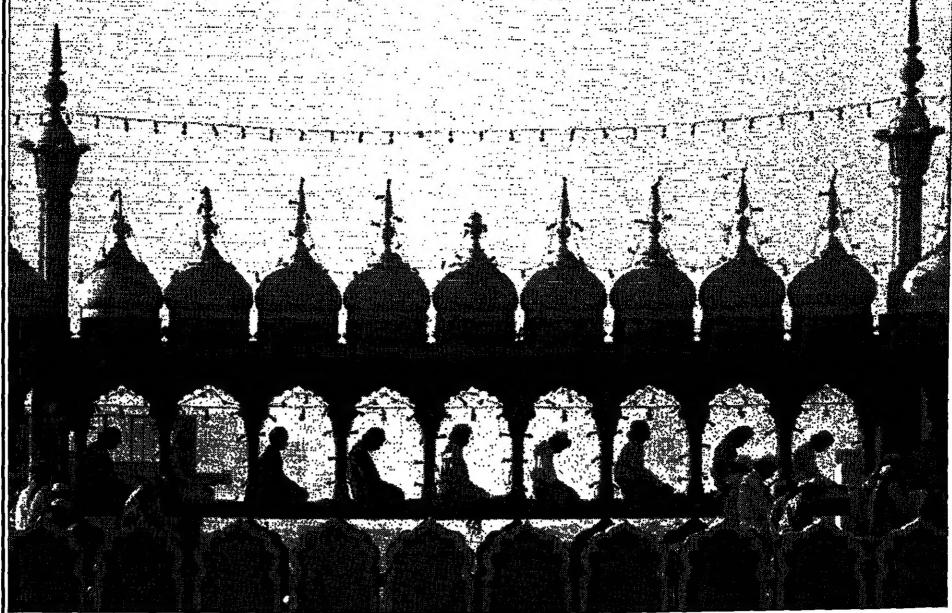
everybody else". The Secretary of State would say this once more, then give way to a back-bencher. The back-bencher would find another form of words to say the same thing, whereupon Mrs Shephard would stand up and say it all

over again. Labour tried vainly to di-vert her to other topics — had the Prime Minister said that church schools could opt out without asking parents? — but nobody tackled Hattle.

Until David Blunkett, He blamed everything on John Major, who had created messes for Mrs Shephard to clear up: "The Secretary of State is like a market gardner following with a dustpan a rag-and-bone man with a diuretic horse." (He meant "diarrhoeic", but no doubt the braille is similar.)

Then with solemn gravity he announced the official, frontbench, approved delence. It went thus: "Every parent in every community. whether they are a member o Parliament or not, should have the right to exercise a preference for their child to go to the school of their choice.
"That preference should not be blocked by any

mechanism What does that mean? Who can say? There are some mysteries which it is not in our gift to know. But I suspect that if Ms Harman had been there to listen to the best in her de-fence, she might have felt dis-tinctly ill.



World of prayer . . . Worshippers pray in the gallery of the main mosque in Delhi yesterday. Muslims began the fasting month of Ramadan on Sunday

Clarke widens Tory divisions on EMU

Stalled manufacturing cuts growth to 3-year low

The CSO said the annual I on more policy loosening over

Backing for future publicity drive the public but never had any is a need for an information of unleashing it in campaign in the UK... [but] the public but never had any is a need for an information of unleashing it in campaign in the UK... [but] the furopean citizens. "The European citizens of unleashing it in campaign in the UK... [but] at odds with Foreign Office letter

John Palmer in Brussels

IVISIONS within the Government over the European single currency widened yesterday when the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarks, threw his support behind proposals for a future pro-monetary union information campaign in Britain. He said that only internal political problems were preventing the campaign starting now.

Slowing economy

Speaking after a meeting of EU finance ministers in Brusdifferences with Tory Euros-ceptics when he dismissed

sels, Mr Clarke played down any suggestion that London had vetoed the campaign. "It suggestions that monetary union would have to be delayed because of the slowdown in European economies. Earlier the Foreign Office minister, David Davis, had written to the European Commission opposing any attempt by it to launch a hard-sell pro-motion drive in Britain. The Commission is preparing a

Britain against the Govern-

is a bit of a non-issue. The Commission had decided not to hold a campaign in the UK some time ago and I under-stand this was being con-firmed today," he said.

imply that only the sensitivity of the single currency issue in Tory party politics

rate of economic expansion had fallen to 1.8 per cent in the last three months of 1998,

down from 2.1 per cent in the

previous quarter, and the lowest level since the first

three months of 1993. During

1995 the economy is estimated to have expanded by 2.6 per

cent, compared to Novem-

ber's budget forecast of 2.75

City analysts said the

gloomy figures vindicated the Chancelior, Kenneth Clarke's

decision last week to cut the cost of borrowing by 0.25 percentage points to 6.25 percent, and shortened the odds

at the moment we cannot have that debate," he dehas to be that debate.

had forced the Commission into a humiliating climbdown over a single currency promotion campaign, was described as "absolute rubbish" by

Meanwhile, the British Conservative chairman of the European Parliament's bud-get committee, James Ellis, said yesterday that some £40 million had been ear-

the next few months.

Simon Briscoe, an econo-mist at Nikko Europe, said:

These figures show this is

more than just a growth

pause. If there is any more

evidence of industrial weak

ness, people will be calling for an immediate cut." He said

the markets had already fac-

tored-in another 0.25 percent-age point cut before March.

But other economists said

the economy could pick up

again during 1996, with some

of the manufacturing weak-ness explained by firms run-ning down plentiful stocks.

The Labour leader Tony

Parliament's aim is to work on campaigns (providing) information for citizens on Europe . . . and the single cur-rency," he said.

Despite renewed specula-tion about a possible delay in the EMU timetable, an opinion poli showed clear overall public support for the pro-posed "euro". Carried out in all 15 countries after the Madrid summit last month, it shows 54 per cent in favour of a single currency and 37 per cent against, a marked im-

cent of those polled were for and 54 per cent against. There is also concern that in Germany only 38 per cent are in favour although this is a slight increase compared with the previous poll three months ago. major task ahead to show our publics that the single cur-rency is necessary and in ics commissioner. Yves Thibault de Silguy, told a conferindustrialists, consumers, trade unions and women's groups in Brussels.

Review

Follies caught in gold and bronze

Rachel Barnes

Bill Woodrow Tate Gallery, London

BILL Woodrow's latest bronze and gold sculp-ture goes on show today. five years after his last British exhibition. This is Woodrow's first major show since he broke decisively with the style that won him an international reputation as a leading figure in the New British sculpture.

Following in the wake of Kurt Schwitters, and later Pi-casso, Woodrow's early work recycled junk consumer objects such as cars, televisions. washing machines and filing cabinets, which he transformed into images, exploring environmental issues.

That is all over now. Woodrow, at 47, is a reconstructed nineties man, abandoning his recycled rubbish for costly. large-scale bronze sculptures. and he is now involved in the two methods, welding in steel and casting in bronze, which his generation had emphati-

cally rejected. As the exhibition's title, Fools' Gold, suggests, Wood-row's theme has also changed to basic survival in a world that is corrupted and dominated by money. Fools' Gold is deliberately suggestive of the National Lottery and the folly of allowing financial ambi-

tions to rule our lives. A sculpted head entitled Moneyman, which has gold pieces embedded in stone face and skull, plays with this theme. Another to do so is In Awe Of The Pawnbroker, a 30ft piece created from five giant rings chained together, each

Lawrence Donegan

MILIES on low incomes

could suffer increased

health problems as a result of

living in houses which are

Charity warns that water meters

water metered, a children's per cent of their weekly bud-charity said yesterday. per cent of their weekly bud-get on water, four times the

charity said yesterday. get on water, four times the Save the Children said the national average, and warned

compulsory introduction of the water industry and Gov-

metering in newly-built ernment against sanctioning homes was putting pressure the widespread use of meters.

threaten basic health of poor

on its own cushion and each holding a small sculpture.

"The idea was inspired by the beauty of the pawnbroker's sign, which I see around south London," he said. "It then began to represent for me this whole issue of the precarl ousness of survival."

In his Self-Portrait from 1990, Woodrow depicts an emaciated, fragile figure, caught in a jigsaw of bronze pieces. Gold coins refer to the continuing problem for the artist to make a living. The centrepiece is a huge

pire, God Knows, cast in bronze and adorned with ropes and bells that have fallen to the ground. The weathervane on top weather varie of top has become a vast pair of scis-sors. If is a magical, poetic piece perfectly suited to the Tate's Octagon, for which

Voodrow planned it. As with much of his work. the inspiration was initially visual, but he uses the spire to question the outcome of a soci ety with material values to replace religion. The ultimate meaning is elusive; Woodrow

teases and provokes. My enthusiasm for Woodrow's achievement does not extend to the unnecessarily obfuscating artspeak of John Roberts's catalogue essay. Its inaccessibility is strangely at odds with the immediacy and vitality of the work.

This is a mixed show, some sculptures conveying Wood-row's thoughts and ideologies more forcibly than others. But the artist's rich imagination gives each work an individual power. God Knows is the undoubted masterpiece, possibly of Woodrow's ocuvre to date. For this alone, it is worth going to the Tate.

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on water supplies essential to

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households on estates, the

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Trucker fined £2,000 over hit-and-run death

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ment data showed a stalled manufacturing sector and

recession on construction

sites had dragged economic growth to a three-year low.

Only the growing service sector is boosting the econo-my as factories are hit by

weaker export demand from the continent and building

firms continue to suffer from

a subdued housing market, according to data from the

Central Statistical Office.

interest rates rose yesterday after govern

Richard Thomas

Lawrence Donegan

N AUSTRIAN lorry driver was fined £2,000 yesterday after he admitted driving away from an accident in which a news-paper delivery girl was knocked off her bicycle and

pleaded guilty to three charges in connection with the death of 15-year-old Amy Durling, who died on the A299 near her home in Kent last Thursday.

Mr Lagler, of Brakrau, Austria, was fined £750 for failing to stop after the accident, £750 for failing to report it and £500 for careless driving. Magistrates at Canterbury ordered him to be detained until the fines were paid.

Amy, of Greenhill, Herne Bay, was killed when she was hit by Mr Lagler's 40-tonne truck as she was attempting to negotiate a roundabout near her home in morning commuter traffic.

Kevin Malony, prosecuting, told the court the accident happened 30 minutes before sunrise.
"She was observing the cor-

rect procedure, she had the right of way and was signalling to leave the roundabout," he said.
"Whilst crossing the round-

about at low speed the defendant's vehicle struck the rear wheel of the bicycle.' Mr Malony said the girl's bicycle became entangled in the underside of the truck. It

was impossible to say



Amy Durling, 15-year-old victim of a hit-and-run driver

The court was told Mr Lagler, who had arrived in Britain earlier that day, stopped his vehicle several hundred yards away and inspected the underside. He emoved the wreckage of the bicycle before driving away. He was arrested later that

day in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, where he told police that he was unaware that any accident had taken place. Tim Townsend, defending, said Mr Lagler had suffered a but with three charges Herr

known a collision had taken | tion. "The first he was aware of this accident was when he heard a rumbling noise under the cab of his vehicle," he said. "Having heard a noise he pulled over a safe distance from the roundabout and that's when he looked under the cab and found the bicycle.

Passing sentence. Tom Steele, chairman of the magistrates bench, said: "The brief of this bench was not to deal with the tragic consequences of what happened last week momentary loss of concentra- | Lagler has admitted."

Jupiter probe confounds Nasa on beginnings

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Just as they prepared to an-nounce their tentative tri-umphs, the budget war be-tween Congress and the Administration temporarily shut down the entire operation: the scientists were deemed to be "on furlough" and could release no data This, too, was frustrating Nasa's research budget about to be reviewed, and its scientists had a coup on their

Paul Murdin, head of as-tronomy for Britain's Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council, said: "If you take what happens on Earth, and extrapolate that out to Jupiter, you expect the Sun to drive the winds. The ground gets hot, air rises, and causes winds to blow. Out at Jupiter there is much less sunlight so you expect the winds to be

weaker," he said.
"Why are they stronger?
This has something to do with radioactive decay process deep inside the planet. I think it is foscinating to find a me teorology in the universe that depends on heating from the inside, rather than on top." Jupiter, like Earth, wa

formed from the same gas an dust that ignited into the sur With powerful gravity, Jup ter must have held most of th original material of the sola nebula. This collection of gases turned out to be no quite what was expected.
"Trying to understand wh

its composition is different an important thing to do," D Murdin said.

mand for fuel supplies.

Blair said: "Given the fact | mild weather reduced dethat Britain over 15 or 16 years has gone from 13th in the world league table of prosperity down to 18th under the and gas, the rate of expansion Conservatives, this empha-

prove the underlying economic and industrial strength of the economy. The CSO confirmed that industrial activity remained flat between October and No-

sises yet again the impor-tance of taking action to im-

The economy grew by 0.4 per cent in the last quarter, the CSO said. Excluding oil

was also 0.4 per cent. The annual pace of growth was 1.7 per cent. Treasury officials insisted that growth was better than many economists had expected, and that the prospects for hitting the forecast 3 per cent expansion in 1996 were good.

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Ashdown gauntlet

Michael White Political Editor

quickly last night to welcome Paddy Ashdown's call for "part-nership politics" in which Labour and the Liberal Democrats would work together to tmplement a "millennium modernisation" of Britain which will take more than one parliament — and more than one party.

"I have always made it clear that where the Liberal Democrats agree with Labour on certain items of change, for example in modernising Britain's constitution, then we would work with them. I think that is entirely sensible to do," Mr Blair said after Mr Ashdown had laid down significant areas of agreement and disagreement — with

New Labour. But the Labour leader, whose instinct for closer ties with the Lib Dems runs well ahead of his party's, covered his back against criticism within his own ranks by in-sisting that any post-election co-operation would have to be on his terms since Labour alramme for government 'new realism" which did not

Mr Redwood may be ridi-

culed at home, but in the US

capital he was hailed yester

day as the "leader of the revo

lutionary wing of Great Brit-

in Washington

omy and accepted it would take years to "restore trust in government" after 17 Tory years. He called for a Great Reform Bill to clean up the political "mess", with a referendum on proportional repre-sentation. Change would not be achievable in a single par-liament, "nor, I believe, by a

single party".

He even claimed "stake-holding" as a Lib Dem concept, but Mr Ashdown's aides insisted his speech in London was intended to set out distinct in the manufacture of the part policies not tinctive Lib Dem policies, not

"terms for a deal with a possible Labour government".

They stressed his insistence that real chances for radical reform in Britain come rarely — and must not falter as Bill Clinton's Democrats did after 1992, raising the prospect of a "virulent" rightwing revival.
Echoing the Labour left's fears for Mr Blair, Mr Ash-

down spoke of the Clinton administration as "only lightly moored to a set of beliefs and lacking either strong commitments or a clear programme, [coming] to power on a wave of warm words and weak In the crucial passage, Mr

Ashdown set out how a left-of-centre Britain might be governed. In a volatile age, when public opinion moved so

packet" calculations would not do. The structure would have to be stronger. "I simply do not believe that such a structure can be

built on the narrow founda-tions of a single party". In-stead it needed what he called "partnership politics". "We should compete, but we can co-operate too. Part-

nership politics does not mean pacts. Nor does it require co-alition," he said. But his speech closed no op-tions on the privately talked

of idea of Lib Dem MPs join-ing a Blair government. Although Mr Ashdown

cited policy projects in lan-guage almost identical to Mr Blair's, he was careful to emphasise areas of sharp disagreement, notably the greater Liberal Democrat its concern for proportional

People wanted as low a tax rate as possible but knew promises of even lower taxes can't be trusted and shouldn't be believed", he said.

Among areas which would have to be confronted over the decade of long-term reform was "an unequivocal commitment to the process of European integration"



Award for Thompson's Hollywood sensibility

'I worked from 7 till 10 and then hellywood Foreign took a break to drink a little tea and weep, and then I worked for another three hours'

Sharon Stone: best actress award for Casino 'a miracle'

Who got what

Wirmers of the Golden Globe motion picture swa

Emma Thompson on the adaptation of Austen which won her a Golden Globe

Christopher Reed in Los Angeles

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BRITISH actress Emma
Thompson has added
a screenplay adaptation, Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility, to her Hollywood laurels at the Golden Globe Awards.

The 19th century romance, in which Ms Thompson, aged 36, stars, also won the best film award and must be a contender for the Oscars in March. Its producer, Lind-say Doran, said the unexcted popularity of Jane

Press Association, have an influence higher than usual as precursors of the Academy's Oscar night. This year the Globe awards were seen by 100 million television riewers worldwide. Despite its grandiose Bev-

erly Hills gala with stars such as Michael Douglas, Clint Eastwood and Faye Dunaway in attendance, the Foreign Press Association is neither foreign nor Ms Thompson, who won an acting Oscar for How-ard's End in 1993, charmed her audience with a sophis-

Most of its 120 members are elderly US citizens. although of foreign origins. Many work only part-time for their publications which at the kindest might be described as obscure.

dry style.
In a veiled reference to But the Globes do often foretell the later Oscar her marital rift with Ken-neth Branagh, she commented: "I worked from 7 till 10 and then took a break to drink a little tea award results, and this year there were some sur-prise decisions to ponder. Sharon Stone, rated last and weep, and then I worked for another three year as the worst actress, won best actress for her hours." The adaptation took five years to complete and could make her £6 million. In a year without an overpart in Casino, about Las Vegas mobsters. Placing a hand on her hip she admit-ted: "OK, it's a miracle."

Las Vagas was Nicholas Cage. "It's a storybook dream come true," he said. | about a sheep-herding The Australian actor Mel Gibson won a Globe as didieval epic about Scotland's ferred the light romance, wingers packed into Washing-fight for independence. He The American President, ton's Mayflower Hotel on the also starred in the film.

A real independent Scotsman, Sean Connery, won the lifetime achievement award and delivered an as sured speech with a neat Bond allusion. "It's the stuff between the punches, the shootings and the car crashes that really count. The scenes between the try to say something about how we really behave, how we really feel. That ulti-mately is what moves people. In other words, I prefer my audiences to be stirred, not shaken."

Defenders of the Foreign Press Association argue that its veteran members know their movies and have proved shrewd judges over the years. The Globe awards also have a comed Also stunned by his best category, which the Acad

actor award as the death-wish alcoholic in Leaving went to one of the year's most beguiling films, Babe, an Australian-made story

> piglet.
> The award astonished table right next to Newt himself. Together the two men addressed a crowd of rightmany Americans who preabout a bachelor occupant

"So many conservatives meeting to discuss revolution," marvelled the erstwhile Vulcan. "It's as if Edmund Burke had addressed the Communist IKE old Bolsheviks plot ting the overthrow of the world, John Redwood International Congress." together in a global summit of "revolutionary political lead-ers" in Washington yesterday Instead, the MP was the guest of Mr Gingrich's favourite think-tank, the Pro-all that was missing was a chorus of the Internationale.

gress and Freedom Founda-tion. Mr Gingrich has come to regard Mr Redwood as his counterpart in Westminster. John Major was not invited. deemed insufficiently radical. Mr Redwood's rival for the ain's Tory Party". He had a seat at the top Tory succession, Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary.

was also skulking (in an offi-cial capacity) around the American capital yesterday. The two had no plans to meet. Mr Redwood used his platkind of topic once de rigeur at form to espouse what he not a revolutionary." The au-

"Revolutionary Politics in a Leninist, if not Robespierre-Democratic Society". | Leninist, if not Robespierre-like, he declared: "Government has to be brought to answer at the bar of the court of the people.

Initially the former cabinet minister cut a slightly stiff figure — he was the only speaker to deliver his speech standing up. But the audience eventually warmed up, clearly believing him to be a prime minister in waiting. He seemed most at home at-

tacking the single European currency, calling it "demonic monetary madness". That point was lost on the Republican crowd. Indeed, Mr Redwood looked a little bit the odd man out yesterday. All this talk of revolution seemed to rile. 'Revolutions aren't a very British thing," he said.
"I am a loyal Conservative, of the White House who the annual conference of the called "popular conservadience stared at him as if he dates Annette Bening. Socialist Workers' Party: tism". Sounding positively were from another planet.

Police bit and kicked Nigerian

Asylum seeker 'had 45 injuries' when he died after drugs arrest

■WO police officers who arrested a Nigerian asylum-seeker for posing crack cocaine bit him, kicked him twice in the head and gripped him in a neck-lock during their struggle to hold him down, an inquest heard yesterday. Shiji Lapite's body suffered

36 or 45 separate injuries ac-cording to two pathologists' reports, but the officers bore only a few marks and bruises. the jury at St Pancras coromer's court were told.
Mr Lapite, aged 34, a
plumber and decorator and
father of two children, bad been spotted by the two offi-cers, PC Paul Wright, aged 28, and PC Andrew McCallum,

in Upper Clapton Road early on December 16, 1994.

Both officers, from Stoke Roads, action, lands, His grip was so tight it if him back. He then stopped the fight, he had come face to face with Mr. Lapite had been violent it was because "he was struggling for his life". The hearing continues today. aged 24, "acting suspiciously" in Upper Clapton Road early

gave evidence on the first day of the hearing into Mr Lapite's death, and were asked by the coroner, Dr Stephen Chan, to explain the "gross disparities" in their

public is tired of bad taste.

ticated parody of Austen's

whelmingly outstanding

denied using excessive force, said: "Mr Lapite was one of the strongest and most vio-lent males I have ever come across. The use of force was necessary to overpower him and prevent him causing seri-

ous injury."

The officers said they had seen Mr Lapite drop two cling-film wrapped rocks of crack cocaine by a tree in Knightland Road. When they went to retrieve them, he became violent and tried to escape, they claimed.

could only be broken by kicking Mr Lapite in the head "as hard as I could," PC McCallum said.

PC Wright earlier admitted that medical examinations after the incident revealed no injuries to his neck, only bite marks on his shoulder and

sked by the coroner, Dr Stephen Chan, to explain the "gross disparities" in their injuries compared to "that of the deceased".

PC Wright offered no explanation, but PC McCallum who jury and that he had died of applications. phyxiation.

Questioned by Ben Emmerfamily, both officers denied about the dangers of using PC Wright told the court: "I

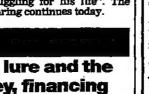
ran at him and jumped on his back. The idea of the neck hold was to get him on to the ground. It was no way in-tended to restrain him. He was immensely strong. I was in fear for my life and PC McCallum's life."

PC McCallum admitted he had first kicked Mr Lapite to prevent him biting his leg.
"He grabbed at my right leg and attempted to bite it. I kicked him in the head. I beme to an attack."

PC Wright insisted he did not have Mr Lapite in a "neck hold" in the latter stages of the struggle because his arm had become entangled in his jersey. He thought the suspect's "tremendous strength taking crack cocaine.

Mr Lapite's widow, Ola-mide Susan Jones, said she had not known that her husband had ever taken drugs. He was a very cheerful, easy-going man, she said, and a de-voted father to their fouryear-old daughter and baby

Mr Emmerson suggested that if Mr Lapite had been vi-





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Scott inquiry legal aid bill nears £1m

THE bill for legal aid for the nine ministers and senior civil servants questioned in the Scott "arms to Iraq" inquiry has neared £1 million, the Government has disclosed in Parliamen tary answers to Alan Williams, Labour MP for Swansea West. The most expensive legal bill has been the £318,165 spent by the Foreign Office to provide legal aid to, among others, William Waldegrave, the minister of state, who contested leaked draft findings by Sir Richard Scott last year. Other ministers covered by the bill include former foreign secretary Douglas Hurd, and ex-minister Tristan Garel-Jones.

Nearly as expensive is the Department of Trade and Industry's £293.870, which includes the legal advice given to former trade ministers Peter Lilley and Alan Clark and key civil servants. The Ministry of Defence has a bill for £215,862 which also covers the period Alan Clark was minister for defence procurement. - David Hencke and Richard Norton-Taylor

Supermarket murder charge

A MAN is to be charged with murder following the death of one of 10 people injured in a supermarket stabbing. Tommy McGregor, aged 55, died on Sunday after being stabbed as he walked from his home in Small Heath, Birmingham, to a bank on December 29 last year. A police spokesman said Shahid Iqbal, aged 22, of Small Heath, would now be charged with murder. He had already been charged with 10 counts of attempted murder and two of attempting to cause grievous bodily harm following the incident at the

Britain fights EU on beef

BRITAIN last night backed US demands that beef from cattle treated with hormones should be allowed into the European Union, despite the opposition of all 14 other member states. The move, taken by Douglas Hogg, the agriculture minister, at an EU ministerial council meeting in Brussels put the Government out of step with the other members who are fighting to retain the ban on hormone-treated meat, originally imposed throughout western Europe in 1987.

The US is threatening to take the EU to the World Trade Organisation under the Gatt world trade agreement to force it to admit its hormone-injected meat, backed by scientific evidence that the meat is safe to eat. The hormones are used to promote rapid growth and meat with less surplus fat. - Stephen Bates

Bodies found in van

THE Police Complaints Authority is to investigate the deaths of two men who were found yesterday in a van in a river in Cambridgeshire. Police had been informed that the van was in the river on Sunday but it was not removed until the following morning. According to the PCA, a man telephoned the police on Sunday to say be had seen a Ford Transit van in the Twenty River near Coates while he had been fishing. A police office attended the scene and contacted the van hire firm to which the vehicle belonged. The officer was unable to contact the company to which it had been hired. The deaths are not being treated as suspicious. — Duncan Campbell

Grecian faces hearing

PAUL Grecian, the former arms dealer and informant for British intelligence now wanted by the US authorities, was told by a South African court yesterday that he will have to face an extradition hearing. Mr Grecian, aged 40, who tipped off Whitehall about the Iraqi "supergum" project, was arrested last month by Interpol agents on a US warrant when he arrived in South Africa for a Christmas holiday with his flancee Elizabeth Powell. He is wanted in the US on charges of bank fraud and trying to sell American artitlery fuse components to Iraq. He was acquitted of similar charges in Britain in November after the evidence previously suppressed by the Government — showed that White hall had turned a blind eye to British arms being shipped to Iraq via Jordan in breahc of export controls. Mr Grecian faces a a possible 25-year jail sentence in the United States if convicted. Richard Norton-Taylor

'Too busy' doctor apologises

A DOCTOR who examined the body of a patient in a crowded public car park after telling undertakers he was "too busy" to travel to them has been involved in two similar incidents in the past, the funeral firm disclosed yesterday Monday.

A spokesman for the Co-operative Funeral Service said that on both occasions they had been forced to bring a body to the surgery of Hamid Latif at Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, because he was unwilling to follow the normal procedure of travelling to their

The revelation came as the doctor, after initially blaming both his receptionist and the undertakers for the situation, issued a statement in which he offered "heartfelt and unreserved apologies" over the incident last Monday. — Alan Watkins

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Educationists join selective school row

Local authorities pledge to scrap system

Loyalty lecture for Harman

Donald MacLeod Education Correspondent

IE row in the Parliamentary Labour Party over Harriet Harman's decision to send her son to a election-based grant maintained grammar school found echoes among teachers, edu-cation officials and local authorities yesterday.

One of the party's respected figures. David Donnison, a member of the Plowden Committee in the 1960s, wrote to Tony Blair and Ms Harman to point out that politicians' choice of school for their children had not always been egarded as a private matter. Professor Donnison, of Glasgow University, said: "You cannot expert members of a movement to be loyal to you if you are not loyal to the things they think the move-

he had felt bound to send his children to comprehensive schools in Islington, north aņā Oxford Sussex | England universities.]

"As an active member of the Plowden Committee and chairman of the Public Schools Commission, I felt myself to be part of a larger movement working to create good educational opportuni-ties for every child and to obtain selective schools and the 11-plus exam which had blighted the lives of so many youngsters," he said. "We believed that commit-

ment, like other public com-mitments, was something we had to try to live by. So we sent our children to local comprehensive schools. To do otherwise would have been hypocrisy.

Local authorities - now overwhelmingly Labour con-

pledge by David Blunkett, the party's education spokesman. to end selection at the remain-London. [They went on to ing 160 grammar schools in

> Graham Lane, education chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, called Ms Harman's decision "unfortunate". Once schools could no

> longer opt out of town hall control, authorities like Bromley, south London, would move to end selection. Although grant maintained chools like St Olave's and St Saviour's, the Bromley borough school chosen by Ma Harman, would retain "foun-dation" status, their admissions policies would have to be agreed with the local

will see the benefits of comprehensive education at first hand," Mr Lane said.

Teachers in the inner London borough of Southwark, whose schools Ms Harman and her husband, Jack Dromey, a senior trade union official, seemed anxious to es cape, were incensed. "We would have hoped she would have been able to show her commitment to Southwark chools," said Tim Harrison, regional official of the National Union of Teachers.

edge of the system. South-wark teachers will be disappointed. They would have welcomed the opportunity for closer contact with their MP as a parent." Mr Harrison said teachers

"She has used her know

ment stands for." In the 1960s | trolled - reiterated the | nised while he is there and | grammar schools. "The or you don't hear about are the children who are not going to succeed but their parents believe they can if they push them hard enough."

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the union, expresse strong support for Gerry Steinberg, MP for Durham City, who resigned as chairman of the party's education committee. "Should the Labour Party move away from the clear policy commit ment made by shadow education secretary, David Blun-kett, against selection of any kind, the union will be totally

opposed."
Sir Robert Balchin, chair man of the Grant Maintained Schools Foundation, wel two grant maintained school "I look forward to opening new comprehensives in pressures selection put on the Labour Party is willing to see the school being reorga- Bromley which still had parents." the Labour Party is willing to

Selective memories

'We oppose any return to selection through the 11-plus." Labour Party - Diversity and Excel ence, 1995.

'No selection ... under a Labour government." David Blunkett, 1995.

'I am not going to make a choice for my child on the basis of what is politically correct." Tony Blair, December 1994.

"We sent our children to comprehensives. To do otherwise would have been hypocrisy." David Donnison, Labour chair of Public Schools Commission.

"We would have hoped she would have shown her commitment to Southwark schools." Tim Harrison, NUT official.



Knife in the back . . . Kingsdale, the nearest school for Ms Harman's son, lost pupils in the publicity which followed a Stabbing Photograph GARRY WEASER

Parents' dilemma blamed on open enrolment policy

High ability children creamed off under system

Martin Linton on borough's failings

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Harriet Harman is an' MP. open enrolment system which is stripping their comprehen-sive schools of higher ability

children. They say parents are going further and further out into the suburbs in their search for schools with normal intakes of able children because of the combined effect of assisted places, open enrolment

The chairwoman of the education committee. Anne Worsley, refused to criticise either parents or their local MP, saying she was only doing "what the system has

driven her to do".

Ms Worsley defended the achievements of her hardpressed inner-city compre-hensive schools, but admitted that they have been left near

the bottom of the pile.

The problem starts in the south of the borough, where three independent schools cream off some of the most able childen on assisted places. Then the selective

OUNCIL leaders in the south London borough of Southwark, where other inch of the cream. The flight into the outer

suburbs used to be limited by the fact that Bromley schools gave priority to children from their own catchment areas. Open enrolment has ended all that. Schools are now legally obliged to take any child who meets their admission criteria and grant maintained

children because of where That creates a free-for-all here parents are scrambling for the best schools and schools are scrambling for the best pupils to improve

their position in the exam

schools will not disqualify

league tables. Bromley parents are now complaining that they cannot get their children into their own neighbourhood schools because they are full of chil-

dren from other boroughs. Ms Worsley is reluctant to give advice to parents who find themselves in Ms Harman's predicament. "It's the combination of open enrolment and urban areas that creates this rank order." years to lift their schools up the league table only to see the parents of more able children scared off by a whiff of

bad publicity. Ms Harman's nearest comprehensive school, Kingsdale suffered badly when a stab-bing incident two years ago was followed by a drop in higher ability intake. The school had the worst exam results in the borough

this year, 6 per cent, though it may be an isolated year. Other local comprehensives are on 11 per cent, 19 per cent, 22 per cent and 25 per cent and in the north of the borough St Saviour's, the non-selective sister school of St Olave's, is on 42 per cent. But none reach the national

average of 44 per cent in neighbouring Bromley the average is 47 per cent. nearly the highest in the country, and the two selective and Newstead Wood, are both on 99 per cent.

Councillors do not blame Ms Harman. "In the days schools nobody criticised Labour politicians if their

the normal, average state under-funded comprehensive

St Olave's is far removed from

Sarah Boseley on Harman's selection

most privileged of drawing-rooms. Few would guess that he had not been educated at one of Britain's top public schools.

academic education, sport and music, St Olave's competes directly with the big names of the independent sector. A state school it may be, but its 400-yearold traditions have the same roots as the likes of Merchant Taylors, Haberdashers and other ancient and once philanthropic institutions now seen by some as bastions of privilege for those who can pay.

Nominally a Church of
England school, it is voluntary-aided by the state, but

the spacious buildings, swimming pool, 20 acres of playing fields and first-class facilities — for just 665 pupils — betray how far removed it is from the under-funded state compre-Like many ancient public schools, it is backed by a charitable foundation, which includes the Bishop of Rochester, the Council of Southwark Cathedral, Special Trustees of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals and the Estates Governors

of Alleyn's College of God's Gift in Dulwich. Representatives of all these institutions, which have historical links to the school, administer a sizeable fund although, according to one governor, it is "not as much money as the livery companies endowed

schools with hundreds of years ago" Almost all parents con-tribute financially by covenanting money to the school's parents' association — a registered charity which donates to the school fund. There are grants available for boys in finan-

cial need and also travel and university awards. All pupils are expected to take part in extra-curricular activities during their lunch-hours and after school. A third of them have instrumental tuition, which is available on "almost any instrument", most of which can be bor-

N Old Olavian can rowed for a nominal charge hold his head up in the from the school.

St Olave's and St Saviour's, with which it later amalgamated, were established in Elizabethan times at the southern end of Lon-don Bridge thanks to public subscription by the people of Southwark for the education of the "children and younglings" of the parish. After several moves around the grime and smoke of south London, the school departed for the greenery

of Kent in 1968. Latin is compulsory from the first year for the fortunate 90 pupils out of around 600 who are successful in the November entrance tests, which some parents use as a dry run for the independent school exams in January or February. There is no interview.
The tests cover "aspect

of Reasoning. English and Mathematics", says the prospectus, which warns parents to bear in mind that they are academically demanding. The maths is "broadly in line with the National Curriculum Level 4". Boys are expected to understand such concepts as simple fractions and decimals, simple perimeter, area and volume.

The school is particularly strong in maths and science. Last year 20 out of 37 boys who took maths Alevel got grade A. Ten took further mathematics, and five gained grade A. Fifteen out of 33 physics candidates were awarded grade A. Most boys go on to uni-

versity — all but one last year — with 11 going to Oxford or Cambridge,

Guardian Education

Students on the brink — the squeeze on Europe's campuses as

national education budgets are slashed to meet Maastrict targets G2 pages 10/11

schools in the outer London Heads of comprehensive children passed the 11-plus boroughs, such as St Olave's schools often struggle for and got in," said one, Storm delights Scargill

Martin Wainwright on a byelection gift for the Socialist

Labour Party ARTY member 64 of Britain's newest politi-cal force were in cheer-

ful form last night, buoyed up by a red-faced day for New "The whole thing's consis-

tent with their ditching of our beliefs, ditching of common ownership, ditching of socialism," said Arthur Scareill. as the Hemsworth byelection campaign absorbed the hot topic of Harman junior's place of education.
"One law for shadow cabi-

net ministers, one law for the rest of us," said member 64, Brenda Nixon, the Socialist Labour Party's first parlia-mentary candidate. "Telling us not to do it. but then doing it themselves anyway. The selective education

fuss was a gift for the SLP

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PHOTOGRAPH DON MCPHEE Arthur Scargill with Brenda Nixon

who had a 20,000 majority. Voting in the former mining area will be on February 1. Mrs Nixon, a miner's wife who campaigned in the

women's pit support groups. was not sympathetic with the outrage in New Labour over the Harman affair. "What did they expect?" she said, to solid Labour pudding in the murmurs of approval from by interview. So why the West Yorkshire seat. The Mr Scargill, the SLP's agent shock about Harriet byelection follows the death in Hemsworth. "They have no Harman?"

last year of Derek Enright, call to be surprised. It's entirely typical of the way New Labour is going under the leadership of Tony Blair."

"They voted this on them-selves at last September's conference. They decided that it was all right for Tony Blair to send his son to a grant main-tained school which selects

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Bottomley rule change as jackpot criticism mounts

Lottery rethink to aid stars of future

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ence, 1995.

ATIONAL Lottery cash is to be used to promote future Brit-ish Olympic contestants and develop artistic tal-ent, Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary an-nounced yesterday. In an attempt to stifle criti-cism of the lottery, under fire for its exceed 40 million plant

for its second £40 million-plus jackpot in three weeks, she said rule changes on the way funds are distributed would focus on nurturing young arts and sports talent.

For the first time, the bodies which make lottery grants will be allowed to in-vest in individuals and revenue-spending, rather than just capital projects.

Bottomley . . . 'I want lottery

athletes, with extra suppor for coaching, help for future Olympic contestants, and funding for one-off sporting

The changes will allow:

☐ The Arts Council to help young people develop artistic velop talent funds for young skills by giving schools assis-

Sports Council delight at cash backing for individual athletes

VIRGINIA Bottomley could hardly have timed her lottery announcement better for the world of

sport, writes John Duncan. As sport's top administrators met the Sports Council in London yesterday to dis-cuss a future British Academy for Sport to nurture those elite competitors the lottery can now assist directly, Anita White, the council's director of national services, said: "Sports bodies have been telling us it's all very well building new facilities — but without funds to let top athletes concentrate on training what is the point?

Tom Pendry, shadow sports minister, added: "At long last the Government has accepted . . . that to be successful on the international stage we need to back individual competitors." Indeed, a 1998 British Olympic Association report

showed 45 per cent of our Olympic athletes were at least £5,000 in debt, and 84 restricted by lack of money. The academy remains the Government's big idea for elite performers, and the Sports Council will announce its format next month, after consulting sports bodies, with a loca-tion identified by

ductions, encourage arts organisations to visit parts of the country they would not otherwise tour and make otherwise tour and make funds available for new pro-ductions of some plays and musical compositions.

☐ The National Heritage Me-

morial Fund to consider ap-plications from building presrvation trusts.
Mrs Bottomley insisted the

lottery was a stunning success, making 4,800 awards totalling almost £1 billion, which had rejuvenated cultural life.
But she added: "I want to see lottery funds invested di-

see lottery funds invested di-rectly in people and their future, particularly the young. The lottery should allow us to invest in our pation's human potential as well as its buildings."

The move aims to head off

criticism that the lottery has concentrated on elitist causes and ignored ordinary people. She said: "We want young-sters to have a stake in society. This is what stakeholding

is really about — giving youngsters individual fulfil-ment. Maybe lottery money will help create the award winners of the future. We want British athletes to win — we are going for gold." The distributing bodies have until February to res-pond to the proposals, ex-pected to be implemented by April. The Arts Council and Sports Council would decide

the size of talent awards and how they were implemented. Mrs Bottomley defended Saturday's anticipated £40 million lottery jackpot, deny-ing it was creating a culture of greed. Speaking on GMTV, she said: "Nine out of 10 play national pastime and what I am interested in ... is even more ways we can spend the money on good causes."



Superintendent Pat Wing of Birmingham with a selection of weapons surrendered in the

Amnesty on street knives 'a success'

EARLY 40,000 knives were handed in to police during a month long amnesty, it was announced vesterday Changes in the law on carry-ing knives are certain to fol-low, with calls yesterday for a ban on their sale to children

During the amnesty, which came in the wake of the death of the London headmaster, Philip Lawrence, at least 37,600 weapons were dumped in bins outside police stations. They included but-terfly knives, backsaw blades, knuckle-dusters, and coshes. Staffordshire police reported the highest figure — 4,404 — but this was inflated

by a shopkeeper who had handed in his entire stock of sheath knifes. Reg Lindop, aged 72, who owns a hardware store in Stoke-on-Trent, gave police 3,000 knives because he did not want a death on his conscience, he said. Kent and Norfolk have yet

to report figures. Yesterday Maria Wallis, the assistant chief constable of Sussex, who co-ordinated the amnesty on behalf of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said that the am-nesty had been a great suc-cess. The fact that so many knives were off the streets meant that many crimes may have been prevented.

The amnesty was only the beginning in the fight against a knife culture. Too many young people carried knives for self-defence. "We must start getting the

message to young people that it is not macho to carry knives. We are trying to change the knife culture which suggests to young men cises can be in particular that they need to for the police

retary also applauded the am-nesty, sponsored by the Daily

Mr Howard said: "I beartily applaud the sustained efforts of ACPO and the media up and down the country to stamp out the threat of knives. The result of the amnesty is that there are around 40,000 fewer chances of get-ting hurt from dangerous knives. The overwhelming response bears strong testa-ment to the will of many of us to rid this country of violence

"The Government is acting to toughen up the law and penalties against the thugs who carry dangerous weapons. A bill sponsored by Lady Olga Maitland (the Offensive Weapons Bill) will be debated in Parliament later this week. It has our full

The message to the thug is clear: if you are carrying a knife expect the full force of the law to come down on you." The bill proposes up to two years in jail for people carrying knives without good

The shadow home secre-tary, Jack Straw, called for new controls on the sale of knives. Such controls should include a ban on the sale of knives to people under the age of 16; statutory powers to control the advertising of knives by mail order and the display of military-style knives; proscription of mili-tary-style knives; and warn-ing labels on all knives telling their purchasers of the penalties for carrying them

illegally.
Some police officers have privately expressed reserva-tions, saying that no serious criminal would hand in their weapons and that such exercises can be time-consuming

Peer foils move to lop £5m off arts budget

ORD Gowrie, the former payers' cash to the arts, has outflanked an attempt by the Government to cut £5 million off the budget for running theatres, opera houses and arts centres, it emerged

yesterday. Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, said late last year that the Arts Council, which distributes grants, would get £186 million for 1996/97 — a cut of 25 million or 2.7 per cent. But the peer, who is chair-

man of the council, delayed by more than a month until Thursday, decisions on who would get what from the grant and called the cut "dam-

And yesterday Mrs Bottom-ley said £43 million would be returned to the council in go into huddles with the Depayment for its work on lot partment of National Heritary applications. "It's only tage for the last month, with



'damaging and irrational' cut

charge the lottery for what they're doing. They've done a fantastic job in the last year."

she said.

Dennis Marks, general director of the English National Opera, said: "I know the council has done nothing but

[the council's secretary-gen-eral] seeking any means of A council spokeswoman said: "I have no particular

This is the second year Lord Gowrie has used his influence and access to minis ters to win more money for the arts than seemed likely. Last year, his first in the job, he won £5.2 million more after talking pessimistically about consolidation.

The Arts Council has distributed 669 awards worth £232.7 million in lottery money, which is separate from its government grant. Mr Marks welcomed Mrs Botterday that rules for giving lottery money would be changed, although it will be a year before anyone receives anything from the talent fund or the stability fund designed. or the stability fund, designed to give one-off grants to arts organisations in financial dif-ficulties or a period of

Cardinal's tribute to murdered head teacher

Angella Johnson at the Westminster Cathedral mass for Philip Lawrence

A GOOD family man, selflessly dedicated to the concerns and needs of other people, even to the point of being prepared to die for it."
With these words the Archbishop of Westmin-ster, Cardinal Basil Hume, praised the life and work of murdered headmaster

Philip Lawrence at a memo-rial Mass at Westminster Cathedral yesterday. Cardinal Hume said Mr Lawrence — stabbed last

OLICE and social services launched an investigation last night

after the parents of a 13-year

old Essex girl said they had allowed her to go through a

marriage ceremony in Tur-key with a man she met dur-

ing a family holiday.

All the county care agencies expressed their concern over the welfare of Sarah Cook from Braintree who is

said to be living with the fam-ily of Musa Komeagae, an 18-

year-old unemployed waiter.

But the Turkish authorities

threw doubt over the issue by

saying that the ceremony was

Alan Watkins

December as he went to the aid of a pupil outside his school in west Landon — embodied St Paul's descrip-tion of "one who responds neighbour our

ourselves". He said he had been shocked at the wanton killstinctively knew to be not only good at his job, but a man who inspired confi-dence and affection, a good man." The cathedral was

full almost to its 1,600

blessing with no validity either in Turkey or Britain.

A spokesman at the Turk-

ish embassy in London said that because of the age of the

girl the ceremony was not

valid as a marriage. "Our understanding is that this

was a purely religious

Essex police warned the family that they were taking legal advice to see whether

any British law had been con-travened and the director of

parental approval.

ceremony.

capacity as friends, colleagues, pupils and well-wept when she waited at wept when she waited at the foot of the Cross."

Mr Lawrence died 10 failed. "If we lament, and His widow Frances sat

with her daughters Mar-onshka, 21, Mylanwy, 17, Unity, 13, and son Lucien, eight. They heard how an outstanding man was taken achievement.

Mrs Lawrence read from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, while Unity read a prayer she had written asking God for the courage to cope with her loss.
"Please help us to pray

for my daddy ... we pray for those who miss him so

little more than a religious | Sarah's parents, Jackie, aged | year but felt themselves pow-blessing with no validity | 39, and Adrian, 42, a welder, erless. The county education either in Turkey or Britain. | told how Sarah met Musa | authority has been sending

when she was only 12 during

Sarah returned to school she

showed her friends a diashowed her irients a dia-mond engagement ring that Musa had given to her. She was "so love sick" that she stayed away from school

for six weeks and ran up a £1,500 phone bill calling Musa

up to five times a day. In October she persuaded them to

days before Christmas after going to protect a pupil out-side St George's Roman Catholic School, Maida

Vale. A 15-year-old boy has been charged with his murwith conspiracy to wound a 14-year-old boy. Pupils, staff and gover-

nors sat in aloneside dienitaries including the Duchess of Kent and Home very. very much, and who portant influence on a spired a nation."

authority has been sending school books to Sarah, living

tempt to persuade her to con-

Tabor high school became alarmed when Sarah failed to

return to school in Septem-

ber. The head teacher Richard Snelling said: "She is only a 13-year-old child and I

would not describe her as par

Mr Leadbettersaid: "It ap-pears that, as the relationship

apparently has the approval

there is little we can do."

ticularly mature."

rightly so, violence on our streets and much else that is wrong, then let our soci-ety look to the quality of family life in the nation, and to the serious commithand should be." He concluded that Mr

Lawrence's greatest memorial remains in his own "four lovely children ... and the example of his bravery and selfless devo-Secretary, Michael How-ard. During his homily, Cardinal Hume said parents were the most im-

Fraud task force urged

MPs seek to stop bogus asylum year. But the "basic policy intentions were not changed".

However the MPs' report was nowhere near as critical

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Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

SOCIAL security anti-fraud task force was ur-gently needed to "weed out criminal fraudsters" exploiting asylum laws, an allparty group of MPs said

yesterday.
But while the Commons social security committee backed government concern about the growing number of bogus asylum claims, the MPs were deeply divided over the decision to withdraw welfare benefits from February 5 from thousands of would-be

refugees.
The Social Security Secretary, Peter Lilley, produced limited concessions 10 days ago to defuse an incipient the proposals, which are de-Tory backbench revolt over signed to save £200 million a

the decision, first amounced at the Conservative Party conference, which could lead to thousands of asylum-seek ers becoming destitute. The Commons will be asked to approve the amended chang in a debate tonight.

Frank Field, Labour chairman of the social security committee, argued yesterday that a special task force was needed to make clear the scale of fraud perpetrated by gangs making bogus asylum claims. The Government needed to know the "true size" of the numbers seeking asylum, he said.

The MPs' report acknowl-

edged that Mr Lilley's concessions removed the "possible danger of a sudden increase in homelessness" caused by

as that from the Govern-ment's own advisers, the social security advisory com-mittee, who warned that some of the most vulnerable people in society would be made

The MPs say that Whitehall to pay for the extra burden on local authorities who have to provide temporary accommo-dation to homeless asylum-seekers and protect the chil-drep and families of asylumseekers in need. Mr Field said he personally

doubted that withdrawing benefits would actually save the Treasury any money. Two Labour MPs on the committee, Jeremy Corbyn and Alan Howarth, disassociated themselves from the report, arguing that it gave undue emphasis to the abuses in the system. "It fails to stress the hardship and suf-fering that the Government's proposals will cause." said Mr Howarth, who defected.

 Emergency aid material designed for third world refugee camps will be seen on British streets for the first time next month to cope with the expected flood of homeless asylum-seekers, writes Alex Bellos.

from the Conservative Party

Oxfam is to donate plastic sheeting to provide water-proofing and insulation protection to those sleeping rough. It is also giving £7,000 of national lottery money to the Refugee Council to help

Trawler skipper refused to sail on doomed vessel

ATRAWLER Archised to sail aboard a refitted scalloper which weeks later sank with the loss of all six crew, a court heard

yesterday.
Sean Deakin, due to voyage from Plymouth aboard the Pescado just before Christmas, 1990, told the jury: "I made up a story about my mother being ill. I would not go to sea because it was unseawarthy It was unsea seaworthy. It was unsafe," he told Bristol crown court.

After sailing on earlier sea trials, he said the vessel was a "bodged job" which needed months more work. Mr Deamonths more work. Mr Dea-kin, aged 27, was the first prosecution witness at the trial of two businessmen who operated the Pescado, Alan Ayres, 44, and Joseph O'Con-nor, 56, respectively director and managing agent of Guide-day Ltd, which owned the craft.

Mr Ayres and Mr O'Connor, both of Plymouth, deny six charges of manslaughter arising from the deaths of the six crew.

They were lost when the 100-tonne vessel sank in 240 feet of water 13 miles off Dodman Point, south Cornwall, treated me with contempt. days after sailing from Fal-

skipper | mouth on February 25, 1991 cate and was unseaworthy and unstable. Mr Ayres and Mr O'Connor, it is alleged. were in breach of a duty of care for the safety of the crew, amounting to gross negli-gence, which was a substan-tial cause of their deaths. Mr Deakin was amployed

by Mr O'Connor as skipper in November, 1990, after answering an advertisement in Fishing News, he told the court.
Mr O'Connor, he said, was overseeing a refit of the vessel and getting her ready for sea.

Mr Deakin told how, during the Pescado's first sea trial, he was "a bit shocked" when she rolled so heavily and awk-wardly in the calm seas of Plymouth Sound that water

came on deck. When the fishing gear was lowered the boat heeled more than she should and water lapped around his feet as he stood working the winch in midships. He added: "Mr O'Connor

never really had time for any thing I said. He always Commuters urged to saddle up and ride to cut traffic jams

a holiday at the resort of in the remote township of Alanya last June. When Kahramanmaras in an at-

centre.

Essex social services, Mike let her fly to Turkey on her Leadbetter, said he was "deeply shocked" to learn that the girl apparently had tleast some of the social

that the girl apparently had parental approval.

At least some of the social agencies had known about the situation since late last

A PIONEERING "park and bike" scheme is to be launched in Cambridge to cut traffic in the city

from the surrounding coun tryside will park on the outskirts, take their bikes from secure lockers and ride to work.

They will pay to have their machines stored in lockers monitored by closed circuit television. Barry Louth, the city council's principal trans-port planner, said: "We want to break even and make the scheme self-fi-

nancing. People don't value what is free. We want to encourage people who will use bicycles almost daily, not just once every three months. Finding a price which weeds out the vaguely interested from the enthusiastic is important." Mr Louth said people

"But once they get here,

came to the city by car be-cause they hadn't much

₹.

we can give them one." The scheme will start in April, with 50 lockers being pro-

vided at one of the city's park and ride car parks. Other sites may follow, in-cluding the rathway station. The experiment is designed to complement park Motorists commuting and ride bus services.

A £10,000 scheme using old bicycles which people could pick up at one stand and leave at another was

and leave at another was dropped when all 350 bikes disappeared.

Mr Louth said the authprity had learned from its previous "act of faith" when people had abused the system. "This will be a much more regulated scheme."

The city's plans were among green transport ini-tiatives praised by the environmental group, Transport 2000, yesterday. Assistant director Lynn Sloman said they could ate cost-effectively, perhaps make a contribution to in co-operation with other reducing air pollution and

transport congestion.
"While central government struggles to find solutions to transport chaos, a quiet revolution is taking place at local level."

Inquiry call as girl, 13, 'marries' Ofsted issues a warning on 'too small' sixth forms

> John Carvel tinue her education.
>
> Teachers and staff at the

UNDREDS of secondary schools with small sixth forms of fewer than 125 stu-dents were in danger of failing to provide a broad enough choice of subjects at A level and its vocational equivalent, senior inspectors from the Office for Standards in Educa-

tion said yesterday.

Thirty per cent of state school sixth forms had fewer than 100 pupils and 57 per cent had fewer than 150. Their head teachers and governors deserved proper guidance about the range of options they were meant to provide so they could work out if they could offer cost-effective services, the inspectors said.

David West, Ofsted's head

of post-compulsory education, said students in the 1,789 sixth forms in English state secondary schools valued the security of familiar surround-ings and the relationship with teachers on whom they knew they could rely. The quality of learning was high.
But half the schools did not

have a clear idea of the balpenditure. Some inadvertently subsidised the £2,400 average annual income for a sixth former by using resources meant for younger

pupils.
"There is a risk that schools may be making inefficient use of the finance they receive. There is a risk that implementing cost-saving measures in small sixth forms might not be effective with regard to young people's learning", Mr West said. However, it was possible for a small sixth form to oper-

Europe's students on the

brink, G2 page 10.

Effective Sixth Forms, HMSO:

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'Spymania' threatens Polish PM

Matthew Brzezinski In Warsaw

DEEPENING spy scandal involving the Polish prime ministhreatening to plunge Poland into its worst political crisis since the collapse of

The controversy, involving Mr Oleksy's 10-year dealings with a KGB spy, is likely to result in his resignation this week, politicians said vesterday. The reformed communist government is teetering on the brink of collapse after fresh allegations last week that other senior officials worked for Moscow.

worked for Moscow.

"For the sake of the country, the present situation cannot continue," opposition leaders said yesterday as they prepared to file a motion of no confidence in the government. The Freedom Union. the main opposition party, issued a statement saying Mr Oleksy's resignation "is necessary for the good of the country, to restore its credibility and stop a political

President Aleksander Kwasniewski warned last week that the crisis could force him to dissolve parliament and call early elections. "Enough games, Enough of this spymania," said the excommunist who defeated Lech Walesa in last Novem-

ber's presidential poll. "Spymania" has not spared Mr Walesa, who was named as a KGB mole last week by Alexander Oshkin, a former Soviet diplomat. Mr Walesa

laughed off the charge.
With the scandal proving an international ambarrassment to Poland's drive for Nato and European Union membership. Mr Kwas-niewski called for hearings into the espionage charges to

The accusations surfaced in late December, when Andrzej Milczanowski, the outgoing interior minister and a Wa-less ally, told parliament he had evidence that Mr Oleksy had been a Moscow informant since the early 1980s. Mr Oleksy denies any

wrongdoing but admits to a "purely innocent" long-stand- escaped i ing friendship with a KGB to resign.

colonel, Vladimir Alganov With the alleged evidence against him being kept secret, conspiracy theories abound, implicating a growing num-ber of officials.

The influential news weekly Wprost reported last week that Mr Oleksy's case was the tip of the iceberg. The magazine said it had evidence, which it did not publish, of four other senior Russian moles in the ruling Democratic Left Alliance (SLD). The magazine linked the

present scandal to a well-documented loan of \$1.2 million (£800,000) which the then Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, made to Poland's mori-bund Communist Party in 1990. It said the cash was used by Poland's former commu-nists to help establish the SLD, which swept parliamentary elections in 1993.

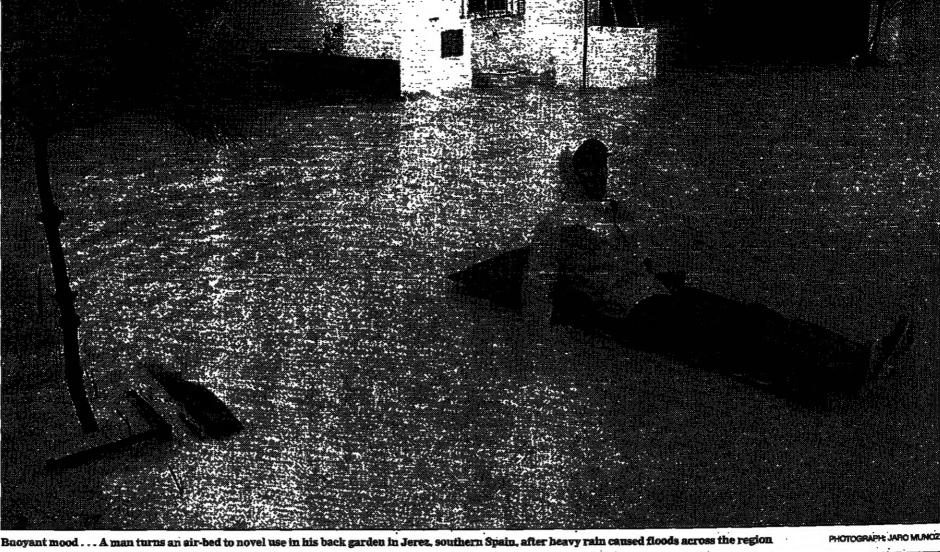
Wprost published what it claimed were KGB documents saying that a minister in the present government was at Col Alganov's Warsaw flat during the cash transfers.

A senior Polish intelligence official, General Victor Fonfara, claimed 80 per cent of the Wprost article was accurate. The revelations created a storm in parliament.

the SLD until he was sworn in as president in December, promised last week to create a "decommunisation" commission to publish old secret police files and screen elected officials. The move was interpreted as a threat against the opposition because the files are said to contain incrimi-nating evidence against many former Solidarity dissidents.

Many Poles are convinced the whole affair was concocted by the secret service, which is loyal to Mr Walesa. Former communists say the allegations are a provocation aimed at reversing their elec-

Mr Oleksy's refusal to step down has only deepened the crisis. What many find most distressing is that, for Po-land's ex-communist rulers, an acknowledged clos relationship between the prime minister and an agen serving a country from whose yoke Poland has only recently escaped is not reason enough



Moveable feast has drawbacks for some



In the second of a four-part series on key EU bodies, STEPHEN BATES examines the

under-reported Parliament and its army of lobbyists

hough everywhere you go in Europe a new European Parliament is being built. In Brussels, the skyline is dominated by an enormous glass monstrosity under construction: the European Par-liament, used for 12 days a year. It is the biggest building project in Europe and has so cost more than

Strasbourg, 300 miles away, also has a European Parliament, used for 60 days a year. The building work there, to provide more offices, will cost about 2500 million. But, be cause of a lack of direct flights, it can take MEPs from the peripheral member states the best part of a day to reach Strasbourg and a day to get

The offices serving the European Parliament are in tween the two. Its library is there, too, Thousands of steel

SOMETIMES feels as ment is sitting. The price of ment already plays a significantly everywhere you go moving bag and baggage to cant part in the government Europe a new European Aisace and back each month of Europe. It has what are is about £100 million a year-20 per cent of the Parlia-

Yet the Parliament is almost invisible. A Europe-wide sur-vey in 1993 showed only 16 per

cant of Britons questioned were aware of it, compared with 44 per cent of French, 52 per cent of Germans and 47 per cent of Italians. It is not the 15 nationalities or the 10 political groupings that make it difficult to report

that it is not really an executive chamber. No government will fall if it loses a vote, taxes are not raised, no patronage is at stake, you cannot end up Yet there are moves to in-

crease its role. Labour would like MEPs to have the right to documents are piled into elect the president of the large transport vans which European Commission and drive up and down the autogain increased powers to introutes to wherever the parliatiate legislation. The Parliation

known as co-decision powers, so that the Commission and ment's entire running cost.
Renting the parliament buildings costs £600 million a year and will shortly rise to take seriously every piece of legislation.
It could threaten to throw the Council of Ministers have

> the entire Commission. Despite the drawbacks, abour and Conservative MEPs say they can influence practical issues across urope much more than if

they were based in They like things being done by consensus - through building cross-party and in-ternational alliances. "I got £50 million written into the budget to promote democratic institutions in the eastern Mediterranean," said Edward McMillan-Scott, a Tory MEP.

back home. Alan Donnelly, Labour MEP for Tyneside, agreed. "It is simply a fact of life that you have much more influence being an MEP."

party whipping, without a shire. West Berkshire and government, politics can be worthy but tedious. Not always of course. Half the Britime I think the parliament is meaningless, I get another ways of course. Half the British Labour group in Stras-bourg abstained or voted against Tony Blair's line that Europe should conclude a customs agreement with Tur-

EPs resent accusa-tions that they are and undervalued at home True, they earn decent sala-ries, in line with those of their own national parlia-ments. This means British MCPs earn about £34,000 a

But there are also big allow-ances: \$155 a day for official meetings, \$2,131 a month for office costs, \$5,826 a month for staff costs, and travel. They tion in Brussels and

year and Italians more than

A lot of MEPs do not turn up. But there must be some-thing in it. Graham Mather, lobbyist knocking at the door.

They must think it's worthwhile."

Lobbying is a huge business in Brussels and Strasbourg. At the last count, the European 400 trade associations, 300 large companies, 150 non-profit pressure groups, 120 regional and local govern-ments and 180 specialist law firms in Brussels alone.

With prolonged delays in securing rulings from the pays companies to try, to in-fluence the framing of the law before it is introduced.

Many lobbyists bear gifts. When Turkey was lobbying for a customs agreement last have free office accommoda- received free trips. Those who voted in favour received 10 compact discs of Turkish folk-singing.

But in a chamber without Tory MEP for North Hamp Ministers

Tough talker heads Bosnia

Julian Borger in Sarajevo

MASAN MURATOVIC. the minister officially appointed yesterday to head Bosnia's post-war gov-ernment, is described by those who deal with him regularly as the perfect product of his country's history part apparatchik, part Balkan

"He will give you the party line — word perfect — but then, in the same breath, offer to cut you a special deal," one Mr Muratovic's appoint-

ment was confirmed yesterday by Bosnia's seven-man presidency. He is known for his no-nonsense bargaining style, and his ascent from minister without portfolio to the top government job represents more than a simple change in style. It also says much about the future shape

The incumbent prime min-ister, Harls Silajdzic, aimed to fuse Bosnia's Muslim and Croat authorities into a cohesive, unified government. He fought a losing battle against nationalists in both camps who wanted to keep the Muslim-Croat Federation in its present state - little more

than a territorial carve-up. Most observers believe that Mr Muratovic, although not a member of the governing Muslim Party of Democratic Action (SDA), is expected to follow the party line.

"If you are looking for a technocrat to dispatch party policy and do business, rather than a politician who will struggle with the party for the right to make policy, then Muratovic is the man for the job, given the current choice available," one Western diplomat in Saralevo said.

Mr Muratovic, a former

was one of Bosnia's richest men before the war, has been given the task of forming a new government according to the blueprint laid down in the Dayton peace accord. This will include Muslims, Croats and — after elections due later this year — Serbs. Mr Silajdzic offered his res-ignation on Sunday after a row

with the SDA over the division of power between the govern-ment and the ethnically defined regional authorities. Mr Muratovic is likely to be more acceptable to the Croats

and Serbs, who know him from past negotiations over prisoners and the flow of commodities during the war. "They know him as a man they can do business with, and so do we," a United Nations official said.

Mr Muratovic was tough when bargaining with the UN Protection Force (Unprofor). But UN officials concede that ne was the minister they turned to when they wanted to get something done.

There is now considerable uncertainty over Mr Silajd-zic's future. Many believe he will form a new moderate party to challenge SDA supremacy among Muslims. Bosnia's small opposition parties are also courting him Nato and the war crimes tribunal in The Hague yester-day agreed on how to work together to investigate Bos-

nia's mass graves.
Judge Richard Goldstone,
the head of the tribunal, said in Sarajevo that investigators would start fieldwork "in the very, very near future", with the help of peacekeepers.

But Nato sources made it clear that such assistance would be forthcoming only after the Nato-led peace Implementation Force had carried out its "primary objectives": the separation of businessman and manage—opposing forces and the counment consultant, aged 55, who

out of Russia, it was him....'"

Russell Davies G2 cover story

Greek cabinet takes oath | Russia's navy flies the for 'new democratic era' flag despite disarray

Helena Smith in Athens

REECE entered a new political era yester-day with the inauguration of its smallest, youngest and most pro-European Socialist government ever. Amid incense, icons and

chanting bishops, the prime minister, Costas Si-mitts — a diffident man with a professorial air found it hard not to smile s his 40-member cabinet took the oath.

The changing of the guard came only days after Mr Simitis took over from the ailing Andreas Papan-dreou. It follows years of crushed efforts by the reformer to revamp the rul-ing Pauhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) and its policies.

The energetic technocrat, aged 59, is the youngest prime minister since the ollapse of the military dictatorship in 1974.

If the prime minister has his way, yesterday's cere-mony will be his administration's last contact with the past. By the time Greece goes to the polls next year, Mr Simitis hopes his team of young modernisers and old-guard Papandreou loyalists will have taken firm strides to turn Greece into a

In mid-June 1992, Mikhail Gorbachev visited

that really was active in helping to get the jews

Israel: "We gave him a state dinner when he came.

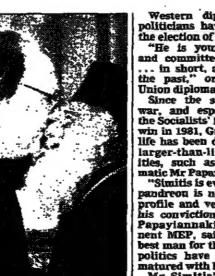
He said this to me: 'If there was one singe element





Theodoros Pangalos

... Greece cannot wait."



Archbishop Serafim greets the new foreign minister.

"There are great expectations for this government to solve problems and chart new roads," he said after his first cabinet meeting. "We do not have the luxury of delays or postponements

Western diplomats and politicians have welcomed the election of Mr Simitis. "He is young, dynamic and committed to Europe .. in short, a break with the past," one European Union diplomat sald. Since the second world war, and especially since the Socialists' first electoral

win in 1981, Greek political life has been dominated by larger-than-life personal-ities, such as the charis-matic Mr Papandreou. "Simitis is everything Pa-pandreon is not. He's low-

profile and very steady in his convictions," Michalis Papayiannakis, a promi-nent MEP, said. "He's the best man for the job. Greek politics have undoubtedly matured with his election." Mr Simitis's priorities are expected to be improv-ing relations with the EU; settling the festering name issue of Macedonia; and speeding up the econo

The prime minister, who once advocated teaching Turkish in Greek schools. is also keen to end old disoutes with Ankara over yprus and other issues.

With Mr Simitis's appointment of the former EU affairs minister, Theodore Pangalos, as foreign minis-ter, many believe Greece will begin to redefine its policles and moderate its tone. "Pangalos may have up-set EU states in the past," said an EU diplomat, refer-ring to a comment by the

politician likening Germany to "a giant with bestial strength and a child's brain". "But he's clever and well thought of and has proved himself to be quite prag-matic and flexible on issues

like Turkey, Cyprus and the Balkaus." The new government will face its first big test next month when Greece and Macedonia resume negotiations in New York.

Strasbourg

David Fairhall

USSIA'S brand new aircraft carrier, Admiral Kuznetsov, has apsignal that, despite mounting troubles, Moscow's armed forces are still struggling to sustain the remnants of a superpower armoury.

The 67,000-ton Kuznetsov is a symbol of the former Soviet navy's ambitions to match the United States navy's power, to create a "blue water" navy instead of a defensive force. The Kuznetsov was extracted just in time from the Ukrainian shipyard where its sister ship Varyag lies unfinished, to be come the prime asset of Rus-sia's northern fleet.

The Kuznetsov is being de-ployed in the Mediterranean to show the Russian flag along the north African coast and in the Nato ports of Pirasus and Naples. The mes-sage is two-fold: it shows the world that the Russian navy is still in business, even if the rest of its carrier fleet is being scrapped or sold; while, back home, it may help to persuade Moscow that what remains is

In spite of drastic cuts in manpower, equipment and ac-tivity since the end of the cold war, Russia's forces were still allocated about a fifth of the federal budget in 1994 and 1995 (although much was clawed back by the finance ministry. and eroded by inflation).
Organisationally, they are in turnoil, of which the Che-

chen disasters are only one symptom. The Soviet Union's disintegration has opened huge gaps in the Russian air-defence system, stranded semi-derelict equipment in newly independent republics especially Ukraine, from which Moscow is buying back nuclear missiles, strategic bombers and warships - and intensified the problems of cutting military manpower when the civilian economy is

In the next 10 years, manpower is eventually forecast to decline from the 1.9 million quoted last year by the deence minister, General Pavel Grachev, to 1.2 million.

Separate strategic rocket and air-defence forces are to be merged with the rest of the air force. In Moscow, the de fence department is supposed to acquire a civilian minister instead of a general.

As the three services are rebuilt, the army — always the senior service in Russia - will probably have least difficulty justifying its bud-get. It need only point towards the Caucasus. Russia has already demanded changes in its Conventional Forces in Europe arms con-trol treaty with Nato, to allow

for more ground forces on its southern borders. The navy — notwithstanding the Kuznetsov deployment — is heading for rough waters. The air force has the advantage — as does Britain's RAF — of relying on hi-tech equipment which, once produced, can also be exported to

earn hard currency. The emerging re-equipment programme includes a longrange subsonic Stealth bomber to replace both the ageing Tu-95 Bears and the ageing Tu-95 Bears and the unreliable supersonic Tu-160 Blackjacks, many of which are standing idle in Ukraine. Tu-22 Backfires and Su-24 Fencers are to be replaced by an intermediate-range Sukhoi design known as the Joint

Continental Bomber.
The air force is also waiting for Mikoyan's multi-role fighter fitted with a new generation of "smart" weapons.

garian capital Sofia, police

said yesterday. Two men

threatened to blow up the piz-zeria on Sunday night unless

they were given about £8,500

Suspect killer held

by the owner. - AP.

Chechen Wolf 'to fight on'

still worth funding.

Salman Raduyev, the "Lone Wolf" leader of the band of Chechen hostage-takers who escaped four days of bom-bardment by Russian troops in the southern village of Pervomayskaya, promised yeş-terday from a mountain hideaway to fight on against

As he mocked Moscow for its failure to kill him and other rebels, the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva accused Russia of blatant violation of international law in its actions in and around Chechenia. — Reuter.

Refugees barred

The Tanzanian army has shut the border with Burundi, turning back 17,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees fleeing ethnic violence, Seamus Dunne, head of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies at Tanzania's Ngara camp, said yesterday. The border was shut overnight after more than 14,000 Rwandan Hutus crossed into Tanzania last

Pizzeria deaths Three people were killed and two seriously injured in a bomb explosion outside a piz-zeria in the centre of the Bul-

Police in Argentina have arrested a suspect in the 1974 assassination of a former Chilean army commander and his wife in Buenos Aires, President Carlos Menem an-

nounced yesterday. -- AP. Son seeks jail

An Italian confined to house arrest has begged police to jail him so he can escape his nagging mother, newspapers reported yesterday. - Reuter.

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News in brief

Belize challenges Britain's law lords

THE lives of four men on death row in Belize hung in the balance yesterday, as a battery of lawyers and five of Britain's most eminent judges argued arcane points of law in a high-ceilinged oak-panelled room thousands of miles away.

The government of the tiny Central American country is challenging the right of the judicial committee of the Privy Council — Britain's law lords in their role as final court of appeal for some Commonwealth countries and territories — to hear the men's petitions against their sentences. Lawyers for Belize, which gained independence from Britain in 1981, claim a proclamation by the governor in 1978, laying down time limits for appeals, bars the Privy Council from hearing the pleas. The men, all sentenced to death for murder, failed to file their cases in time, the lawyers say.

The Belize government has introduced a bill to remove the right of appeal to Britain's law lords, but it has insufficient support to force the measure through. Sir George Brown, the country's Chief Justice, ruled last September that the Belize cases were "unlawfully" before the Privy Council, and the law lords would be acting outside their jurisdiction if they heard them. - Clare Dyer, Legal Correspondent.

Hashimoto takes tough line

JAPAN'S new prime minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, promises yesterday to introduce a more assertive foreign policy that will reduce the United States presence on the southern island of Okinawa. In his first speech to parliament, Mr Hashimoto — who proved a tough negotiator in trade talks with the US last year tried to present himself as a reformer who will shake up the governing establishment

He took the offensive on an unpopular plan to bail out home mortgage companies with taxpayers' money, saying he would
"deal strictly" with any mortgage company officials who may
have broken the law with loans to property speculators.

Mr Hashimoto said he wanted to reduce the US military
facilities on Okinawa, where more than half of the 47,000 US troops in Japan are stationed. Protests there have been growing since the rape of a 12-year-old girl last September, allegedly by three US servicemen. — AP, Tokyo.

Top banker flees Rwanda

rnor of Rwanda's central bank has fled to Europe, warning of growing insecurity for his fellow Hutus in the latest defection from the top ranks of the government, sources close to the banker said. They said Gerard Nyetegeka left for self-imposed exile in Belgium earlier this month during an official trip to

Europe.

Jean-Pierre Bizimana, the information minister, confirmed the defection. "Our central bank governor has fled the country. He has complained of worsening insecurity and acts by the mill-

Mr Bizimana said Mr Nystegeka had fled for personal reasons and alleged that the banker had been implicated in a scandal after Rwanda issued new notes last year. Mr Nystegeka's defection was a standard of the control follows what Western diplomats see as the rise of Tutsi hardline in the new government. — Reuter, Kigali.

Muslim leader shot dead

THE pro-Moscow Muslim spiritual leader of Tajikistan and memers of his family were shot dead in an attack which cast a shadow on fresh efforts to bring peace to the central Asian state, Tajik

officials said yesterday.

Government officials reached by telephone from Ahna Ata, the capital of Kazakhstan, said Muffi Fatkhulla Sharipov, aged 53, died in sub-machinegun fire when unknown assailants burst into his home west of the Tajik capital Dushanbe late on Sunday night. His wife, son, daughter-in-law and a teenage spiritual pupil staying at his home were also killed, officials said. The killings, on the first day of the Muslim fasting month of

Ramadan, were comdemned by the government and an Islamic opposition leader based in Iran. Tajikistan's president, Imomali Rakhmonov, after visiting the mufti's relatives, denounced the murder as "a monstrous and cynical challenge to the Muslim world". He said: "It is an attempt to destabilise the social and political situation in the republic." — Reuter, Alma Ata.



A Muscovite gathers the signatures needed to secure Boris Yeltsin's place on the June ballot photograph serge karpukhin

Yeltsin hints at candidacy

RUSSIA'S president, Boris Yeltsin, said yesterday be might again run for the presidency in June but would not announce his final decision until the middle of February. Speaking to foreign investors, Mr Yeltsin said: "I understand that, if I give my consent, the fight will be a

anderstand that, it is give my consent, the night will be a hard and not a simple one. Those against whom I will have to compete are rather unusual people, but we will take account of the electoral experience of other countries."

Despite being ridiculed in the Russian press for the recent hostage crisis in Dagestan, Mr Yeltsin kept up a harrage of statements designed to prove that he is an active candidate. Yegor Gaidar, his first prime minister and ours of the referent programme, yesterdey urged him. and guru of the reform programme, yesterday urged him not to stand, echoing democrats who now regard Mr Yeltsin as a liability. "His nomination would be the best present to give to the communists," Mr Gaidar said. Mr Yeltsin's main challenger for the Russian presidency s expected to be the Communist Party leader, Gennady Zynganov. — David Hearst, Moscow.

Soldiers deny student killings

EIGHT soldiers and a school administrator pleaded not guilty yesterday to involvement in the disappearance of 26 teenage students in Sri Lanka seven years ago. They face 30 charges of abduction and murder. The students disappeared at the height of the army's drive in 1989 to crush a two-year insurrection in the south, the heartland of Sinhalese nationalism.

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The crackdown was against the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), or People's Liberation Front, a Marxist group that waged a terrorist campaign to overthrow the government. By the time the insurrection was crushed in 1990, up to 30,000 people had died, according to Amnesty International. In retaliation, governmentsponsored death squads abducted suspected Marxist supporters, especially young men, according to well documented reports.

Meanwhile, Tamil separatists claimed to have shot down an air force helicopter with 39 people aboard, which disappeared off the northern coast yesterday. — AP, Colombo.

Oath forces OJ to speak

O. J. SIMPSON was due to face hostile questions from lawyers yesterday, the first time the former United States sports star was to speak under oath about the double murder case in which he was acquitted last October. He had been ordered by a judge to submit to a deposition, in which defendants in a civil trial first give private testimony in a lawyer's office. Mr Simpson is being sued for wrongful death by the families of his late wife, Nicole, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Mr Simpson is marketing his own version of the events — not delivered on oath — on a television show he has sold to a black cable network. — Christopher Reed, Los Angeles.



The dazzling lure of peace

Angola's discourse of war may prevail, but talk in Luanda is of gems, writes David Beresford

sador recounted with gleaming eyes how a diamond prospector had invited him to grab a random handful of gravel from a river bed, and had then picked three pre-cious gematones from his

bin, anda handful of men scavenged through rubbish absent-minded

In a country where inflation stands at more than 3,000 per cent, money has little more than notional value. But that is not to say there is no wealth. This is get-rich-

which testify to a lifetime's love affair with Boer cooking. For all their girth, they are fit men, former soldiers and naval frogmen who have abandoned South Africa and the vicissitudes of affirmative

action in pursuit of a fortune.

Diamonds — alluvial and maritime — are the lure, and Below. in Litanca's summing, garbège strewn streets, a street-urchin kicked his legs in the air for balance as he in the air for balance as he gion. They speak of the fabled Cuango Valley, financing Unita's war against the Ango-lan government to the tune of an estimated £19 million s month, and of Catoca, reputed to be the biggest diamond-bearing vein in the world, larger even than Kimberley, South Africa's famous dia-

It was the lesson of Kimberquick country and the carpet- ley that the dealer, not the baggers are in town — many digger, is king. In recognition

the economy. But, before war blighted it, this was Africa's second-largest food producer and the world's fourth-largest ITTING on a hotel easily identifiable by their of this, De Beers and rival balcony, the ambas- thick forearms and pot bellies buyers are taking uncut pebbuyers are taking uncut peb-bles at top prices with no questions asked.

questions asked.

Testifying to the wealth in this land of the poor, a giant oil rig aquats in Luanda Bay, undergoing maintenance. The black gold pumped out of Angola at the rate of 635,000 barrels a day has financed the governing. MPLA during 20 years of civil war, as well as

coffee exporter. The economic potential of fered by peace is obvious. But the chances of peace being established are far more uncertain, resting apparently on the shoulders of Aliqune

Blondin Beye, the United Nations representative.
The temptation is to charac

terise the base for the UN mandate for peacekeeping in

This is now a get-rich-quick country and the carpet-baggers are in town

nies jostling at the troughs. There is gold as well, wait-ing to be discovered with a Ing to be discovered with a sa a Tower of Babel.

host of untapped minerals.

Angola's reserves are impossible to quantify, as is the sprawling complex of composible to quantify, as is the sprawling complex of composible to quantify.

generating sufficient profit to | Angola — Univern III, incon-keep the world's oil compa- | veniently and inexplicably veniently and inexplicably situated 35 minutes' drive away from the city centre —

Diversity may represent celebration of international co-operation. But two Brazilian peacekeepers recently paid for this show with their

under a baking African sun. Mr Beye seems to carry

the whole operation

speaker in a Portuguese-

speaking country, heading an operation administered in

Univem by sheer

enthusiasm

eases, failed to diagnose: cerebral malaria. The contribution of mediation to the resolution of conflict is always debatable: tos. Unita's troops were fail-more often than not, peace is ing to turn up at UN assembly the product of a convergence of circumstances over which

the UN presides as a master of ceremonies.

Ten days ago, the diplo-matic corps in Angola was diamonds.

talking excitedly about such a potential of other sectors of | buzz of air-conditioning units convergence. Apparently, there was a new spirit of co-operation between Units and the MPLA in supervising the But the impracticability of ceasefire and moving toward military integration. reflected in the fact that Mr Beye, from Mali, is a French-

The South African merce naries working as advisers had been given their marching orders. The notorious "ninjas" — the police rapid-reaction force — were being restricted to their base, and political prisoners were being

But, by the weekend, the endless cycle of optimism and pessimism that has accompastaffing the main field hospi nied 20 years of civil war was tal, strangers to tropical dis- turning once more.

The Unita leader, Savimbi, had yet again called off a summit with the president, Jose Eduardo dos points. The diplomats were sounding grave warnings about Univem's withdrawal. And amid the garbage of Luanda, the talk was of

flexes muscle

Kathy Evans

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lisarray

AHRAIN'S army has BAHRAIN'S army has threatened to introduce martial law in response to the latest connections the following connections. tween the island's opposition movements campaigning for a renewal of democracy and state security forces.

The defence ministry's threat, issued in a statement at the weekend, followed a meeting between its officials and the crown prince, Sheikh Harned, the army's command-

Sheikh Hamed was said to have been concerned that the disturbances were getting out of control after riots spread to Hamed town, the middleclass, predominantly Sunni Muslim suburb named after him. The unrest had previ-ously been confined mainly to Shi'tte villages outside the capital, Manama.

Bahraini newspapers warned that the situation was "drifting towards a dangerous crossroads, the country stands on the brink, with potential military involve-ment only a whisper away".

Shi'ite villages remained cordoned off, with few people on the streets. Opposition sources in London estimated that 2,000 people — many young Muslim clerics — had been arrested in the past

three days.

Among them was a leading Shi'ite clergyman, Sheikh Jamri. The elderly imam was taken from his home at midnight last night and his family placed under house

arrest.
The detention of large numbers of clerics and prayer leaders coincides with the start of the holy fasting month of Ramadan, when the attendances at mosques tradi-

try's statement highlighted young crown prince and the on state television.

prime minister, his uncle. Sheikh Khalifa

Sheikh Khalifa is known to favour introducing more representative people to the consultative council, the advi-sory body created after parliament was dissolved in 1975.

There has been no response from the prime minister, but other government officials said martial law would be introduced only as a "last

Army intervention would be unprecedented in Bahrain's history. Its army, numbering only 8,000 men, is tiny compared with the internal security forces. Moreover, the army has no experience in dealing with civil unrest.

"Any move to introduce the army into the situation would be an escalation of the con flict," a spokesman in London for the Bahrain Freedom Movement said. "It also shows that the government's current tactics in suppressing the disturbances are not

working."

Since 1994, when the cam paign for democracy was revived, the Bahraini authorities have blamed Iran for provoking the unrest.

Iranian newspapers yester-day dismissed the accusation as an attempt to seek external causes for domestic problems and to justify the presence of the United States in the

region. Bahrain is important for the Western allies based in the region. The US has a naval base on the southern part of the island, from which its forces patrol the Gulf. Bahrain is also the region's most important financial

The growing unrest has prompted varying reactions from Bahrain's Gulf allies. Kuwait's cabinet expressed The opposition sources in concern and support for the exile said the defence minis Bahraini government, while Bahraini government, while the neighbouring emirate of the growing rift about how to | Qatar allowed London-based handle the crisis between the opposition leaders to appear

Bahrain's army Missionaries help free Irian Jaya hostage

John Aglionby in Jakarta

HREE Christian missionaries appeared to make a breakthrough yesterday in hostage talks in Irian Jaya, the Indonesian part of the island of New Guinea, after securing the release of specifier cautive. release of another captive.
But diplomats in Jakarta are not convinced that freedom is near for the remaining 13 hostages, including four British graduates and two Dutch wildlife researchers.

Movement (OPM) kidnappers | resort to more brutal tactics have already ignored two ulti-matums to release the said yesterday the patient ap-

The Indonesian military. commanded in the crisis area by President Suharto's son-in-Prabowo Subianto, has a reputation for not giving in to pro-independence rebels.

Gen Prabowo's "persuasive methods" in handling the OPM have included allowing food, medicine and intermediatives to be fourn to the rebels

proach would continue. But in Jakarta, Lieutenant-General Suyono, the chief of gen-eral affairs of the armed law, . Brigadier-General forces, said the military would not extend the deadline for the hostages' release in-definitely, and "other mea-sures" would soon be used. He declined to elaborate. The freed man, Jacobus Wandiba, an Indonesian, was among 24 people kidnapped on January 8. His wife and aries to be flown to the rebels. But separatist groups in East The separatist Free Papua Timor fear he may soon child were freed last week.

Japanese poets become well versed in stardom

A nation's obsession with expression is fostering a growing culture of celebrity. reports Nicholas Kristof in Tokyo

SHE is young and fam-ous, and has her own weekly television and radio shows. Her fans mob her in the street. But Madoka Mayuzumi is nei-ther a movie actress nor a rock star. She is a poet. Ms Mayuzumi is one of a number of Japanese poets who have achieved a celebrity status usually reserved for superstar athletes or

entertainers. No country takes poetry more seriously than Japan. People are affluent now, but after they've gained everything they want to ex-press themselves," said Ms Mayuzumi, aged 30, a for-mer office lady or "OL" at a Tokyo bank. "OLs wear fashionable clothes, play tennis and go skiing but they're not satisfied with

that," she said.

They want to show their feelings."
Poetry has a long tradi-

tion in Japan, but in the past two decades it has surged in popularity. Millions regularly write verse and millions more enjoy reading and bearing it.
As well as regular television and radio shows, there
are more than 2,000 poetry

nagazines and newsletters, and thousands of poetry books — some bestsellers. All national newspapers carry several poetry columns and one, news-paper, the Asahi Shimbun, runs a daily poetry column on the front page. Its writer, Makoto Ooka, who has sold 1.2 million

come a living thing in people's lives."

A few days ago, several television channels offered live coverage of the imperial poetry contest, Japa-nese poetry's equivalent of the Super Bowl. Emperor Akihito and his family

attended, entering poems along with more than

19,000 others.
The broad appeal of poetry underscores the way in which "high culture" in Japan is integrated into "pop culture". Classical music, theatre, literature and poetry have an extraordinarily broad audience.

Paradoxically, the Japanese insist that so many people appreciate poetry

not because they are deep but because they are shal-low. They suggest Japanese verse is more accessible because it is shorter and more vivid than Western poetry. Yoshimasa Ueda, who edcopies of his books, said: its haikus for the Asahi
"The number of people who
write and read poems is at a so short, anybody can write record high. Poetry has be them." - New York Times.

Late results fuel rumours of pro-Arafat vote rigging

Derek Brown in Jerusalem PALESTINIAN officials were still scrutinising

returns from Saturday's gen-eral election last night, more

than 24 hours after the promised deadline for final results.
The long delay has spawned rumours of alleged ballot rigging in favour of Yasser Aralat's dominant Fatah faction. Mr Arafat, who scored a resounding personal victory in the contest for the presi-dency of the new self-rule Pal-estinian council, is certain to have an overwhelming major-ity in the legislature. Prelimi-nary returns for 79 of the 88 seats gave at least 50 to Fatal. Main opposition parties, such as the Islamist movement Hamas, boycotted the polls. But more than 20 independent candidates were victorious, including outspoken

with Israel, and of Mr Ara fat's autocratic style. Most observers see the out-come as a clear endorsement of the peace policies of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's chairman, and as a rebuff to the Islamist move ment which, although it boycotted the poll, had several well-known candidates running as independents.

critics of the self-rule accords

International monitors said voters had been allowed to ex-press themselves freely, though they criticised both Is-raeli and Palestinian security forces, present in large num-bers at polling centres.

Yesterday brought fresh allegations of malpractice. The Israeli human rights group B'tselem said one candidate's brother, a lawyer, had been arrested after complaining of ballot sizeties. plaining of ballot rigging.
Palestinian security
sources confirmed that the

man, Hussein al-Shyukhi. was detained. They said he had urged a crowd to burn down a police station, in protest against the alleged fraud.

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Working together again

The LibDems may be part of a Blair government

allies won lots more votes, but ended up with very few extra seats. The breaking of the political mould, once so confi-dently expected, had to be deferred once

Events have compelled the Liberal Democrats to learn from their own history. Far from slipping into third place. Labour has hoisted itself into sight of the winning tape once more. As a result Paddy Ashdown spoke from a less ambitious script than his predecessor in a keynote London lecture last night. But what he said was, in its way, just as dramatic as Steel at Llandudno. Do not prepare for government but for a share in government. Do not look for one party governing alone but for leftof-centre parties governing together. Compared with 1981 it is a scaled-down vision. And yet paradoxically this low rise, long-term goal could be the true mould-breaker after the next general election.

What Mr Ashdown announced last night was not just that he can work with Labour, but that he positively wants to do so for a decade. His words were conciliatory and appeasing. His speech took the next logical step beyond last year's abandonment of Liberal Democrat equidistance between the two main parties. It positively embraced much of the agenda which Tony Blair has been setting out as Labour leader. There were of course sharp differences over subjects such as tax and electoral reform which, apart from anything else, are important for defining the to work together in government if the

REASON HAS triumphed over fantasy

in the Palestinian elections. Yasser

whelming endorsement of the peace

process and reflects a growing view

negotiation than by violence and terror-

ism. The election result is also a vindi-

cation of the decision of the late Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres to negotiate

with Yasser Arafat, the man they had

long reviled as an outcast terrorist.

Fatah's campaign was certainly not

without its flaws, and Palestinians still

processes and a free press. But as the

international observers have testified.

none of the violations were so serious

as to put the outcome of the election

into question. Beyond doubt, the PLO

leader has finally acquired legitimacy

and will be in a much stronger position

at the marathon "final settlement"

round of peace talks which begin in

May and are scheduled to last up to

three years. In the enthusiasm of the

moment Arafat's close aides are pre-

dicting that a Palestinian state has now

Realism however dictates caution. Is

rael remains far from accepting that the

Palestinian "entity" should ultimately

gain full independence. Just because so

much has been achieved since Oslo it

is now such that statehood is inevita-

come within tangible reach.

among the Palestinians that their

A landslide victory for peace

But Arafat and Israel face severe problems in future talks

Arafat's landslide victory is an over- the status of Jerusalem, and the return

national aspirations for an independent | has yet been on display. Certainly Ara-

state are more likely to be gained by fat cannot count on major concessions

have much to learn about democratic article of the Palestinian faith.

FIFTEEN years ago at the Liberal con-ference in Llandudno Sir David Steel Mr Blair could object to. When Mr uttered the most famous line of his Ashdown stresses the real importance political career when he told his party to return to the constituencies and prepare for government. Well we all know what happened next. In the 1983 the Labour leader. When he lists the general election the Liberals and their prime characteristics of the new politics - education and skills, reformed welfare, longtermism in industry, constitutional reform, environmental sustainability and a constructive attitude to Europe — you can almost see Mr Blair checking off the numbers and realising that he has won the jackpot. Even the terms on which the two parties might cooperate are left helpfully more vague than before. Such a context makes Mr Ashdown's squabble about who first thought of stakeholding seem

marginal indeed. The crucial question is whether Mr Blair shares Mr Ashdown's belief in the desirability of cooperation between the two parties in government over such an agenda, irrespective of whether Labour has an overall majority. The official response to Mr Ashdown last night was de haut en bas, but there are reliable signs that Mr Blair actually shares the LibDem leader's general view. Mr Blair is on record as an advocate of inter-party cooperation and often shows himself sympathetic to centre-left realignment. There is also good reason to suppose that in the long run he might include Liberal Democrat ministers in his government, even if the numbers do not necessitate it.

All this, however, is some way down the road. Mr Ashdown has gone about as far as he ought to, this side of the election. Likewise Mr Blair will not respond much more explicitly in public than he has done so far. But the two left of centre parties are now in a position parties' continuing separate identities. opportunity arises. That is as it should be. It is an intriguing prospect.

any longer be kept on the backburner

The future of the Israeli settlements.

of the Palestinian diaspora must now be

tackled. To resolve any of this will take

considerably more compromise than

from Israel unless the Palestine

National Council, the PLO's supreme

body with hundreds of members in the

diaspora, amends its charter to strike

out the call for the destruction of Israel.

Even in his newly strengthened position Arafat will not find it easy to

convince the PNC to overturn this

More immediately, the PLO leader

has to keep the lid on Hamas and other

extremists who might yet endanger the

whole peace process. It could turn out that Hamas misjudged the Palestinian

yearning for stability and economic

progress, and committed a fatal error in

boycotting the elections. But even with

Israeli help, there is no guarantee that

The US and its European allies

greeted Arafat's victory with a torrent

of congratulations for him and his elec-

torate. No doubt there will now be even

greater financial generosity than has

been in evidence so far. But satisfaction

with Arafat's achievements so far must

not inhibit the international commu-

nity from pressing for more account-

above all for greater respect for human

Hamas can be neutralised.



Letters to the Editor

Another victim of Labour's class war

other Labour MPs certainly have done so (Six of the best who embarrass Labour, Janu-

First, my boys went to El-liott School because it is the nearest local comprehensive. Second, my elder son had been at Elliott for five years before it opted out. We were not about to throw his education into turmoil just as he was starting his A levels by removing him.
Third, I voted against the school opting out because don't agree with the policy.

But, fourth - and this distinct - Elliott opted out to retain its comprehensive status since Wandsworth Council's extreme rightwing policies would have forced it to become a selective gram-mar school, barring the mix of pupils from all backgrounds. It is a typical inner-

city comprehensive with a very mixed intake. We deliberately chose a comprehensive because selection is a mechanism for perpetuating the old class divide creating a decent educational system with high standards as an agent of social cohesion for all. But that won't be with their decision to send achieved unless the profes sional classes, MPs included, send their children to local comprehensives as well. Peter Hain.

Labour MP for Neath. House of Commons. London SWIA 0AA.

Still awake?

READERS' responses to the loriginal 1968 Guardian

article on sheep-counting

numbers, which reproduced

as Past Notes (January 9) gen-

erated a further recent corre

spondence, helped Michael

Barry with his 1969 article, Traditional Enumeration in

the North Country. He listed

helpful in these matters.

THE numbers your corre-

spondent Ailsa Cregan gives from Cumbris -- yan-a-

dick, tyan-a-dick, tethera-dick

etc (Letters, January 19) -

pear a remarkable simularity

to the Weisl: words for those

numbers. The Opies say that

the numbers were named by

A J Ellis in 1877 as the

Anglo-Cymric score". They

add that the connection be

tween the numbers and the

Celtic (Welsh, Breton and

Cornish) numerals is that

when the Romans invaded

Britain, the people who man-

aged to cling on to the old lan-

guage and traditions were

those in Scotland, Wales and

the West Country and "those

whose work was lonely and

"M not surprised nobody s

got past yan-a-giggot in

my own grandma always fell

asleep before she got to meth-

sheep-counting numerals

who were left unmolested".

(Dr) Kim Thomas.

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Y SONS' schooling does not "embarrass" Harman and Jack Dro-Labour on education, even if the choices of some their dilemma when we sent Dromey's choice is as much our eldest son to St Olave's in 1987. At the time, one of us was a senior national Labour Party official and we con-sulted the leader of the ILEA and the then leader of the Labour Party. The advice from both was identical: whatever criticisms you have of the present education sys-tem, it is the one in which

your son will be educated. Would any parent trust a politician who was prepared to sacrifice their own child's future on the altar of their political beliefs? Nigel Williamson

Magali Wild. Sutherland Avenue. Biggin Hill. Westerham, Kent.

OR ME, the Shadow Cab-inet's tacit endorsement sy is the end of the road. Like many Labour parents I was relieved to hear David Blunkett's unambiguous "Read my lips, No selection" at the party conference. How can Harman and Jack Dromey possibly reconcile their party's commitment to education their son to a highly selective grammar school? I fear New Labour turns out to .be a repackaging of the "me first" instincts of Thatcherism. Marcaret Course.

Watlington, Oxfordshire.

due to a poor understanding of education as to their lack of political judgement.

Bullying by teachers and pupils alike was rife: first years (known as "weeds") could expect routine abuse Success at rugby union was a passport to the Old Olavians. the old-boys' network that could (for example) get the pig-ignorant into lucrative merchant-banking jobs. The only two black kids I ever saw suffered extreme racism.

suffered extreme racism. Petty rules were rigidly enforced: pupils were frequently suspended for wearing the wrong shoes, or for having too short (or too long) hair.

Yes, St Olave's produces plenty of qualifications, but a selective boys-only school based on a Victorian concept of schooling ignores the wider, more important, aswider. more important, as-pects of a good education. Mike Rslea. St Martins Drive,

WRILE I have little symwill not vote for a party which is going to tell me where to send my children to school any more than I would vote for one which tells me which car to buy, or which restaurant to dine in. Cyrus P Randeria: 57 Oakwood Avenue, Dunstable, Beds LU5 4AS.

HE only surprising aspect of the latest Harman-Blair educational affair is that Ger-ald Steinberg is shocked ary 22). Does he not recall that we have all been this way before — just a year or so ago, when the Blair family decided to send a son to join a Harman-Dromey at the Oratory School?

A Blair spin-paramedic then assured us that we were all being jolly silly because the Oratory was really just another ordinary London comprehensive. Now no doubt we'll get another googly pointing out that the latest school in question is just an ordinary institution for dif-ferently-abled children from under-privileged inner-city backgrounds. And next year, if there are any further leadership infants to educate, we'll probably be told that Eton is really just an ordinary school for those with

special needs. Viv Thomas. 163 Earlham Road, Norwich NR2 3RG.

ARMAN'S decision fuels the debate about selecmust bring back selection because then the middle classes would use state education. Parents sent their children to private schools when we had election. Further, the anger of the middle classes whose children failed the 11-plus and were condemned to secondary pressures to replace selection. Durham DL1 2XW.

Or do contemporary thinkers imagine that middle classes would automatically get their children into the grammar schools - and if so isn't that an illustration of the unfair-

to see reinstated? ity of children. More children pass GCSEs and A levels and 1970s. In the interests of social cohesion and the national need to have all our children well educated, we must build on the success of comprehensive education. Margaret Tulloch. Executive Secretary.

Campaign for State Education, 158 Durham Road, London SW20 0DG.

OR New Labour the policy is that there must be no policy while in opposition — only a constant stream of "aspirations", "objectives" or "principles". Who can be sur-prised if members of an elite clique within the Shadow Cabinet interpret these "prin-ciples" as it suits themselves?

SHOULD all Labour Party members refuse to use water, electricity, gas, dental check-ups, eye check-ups and British Rail as all these are (or are to be) privatised? K Grainger. 8 Leicester Grove. Darlington.

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Scientists in an electric storm

DR Neville Goodman sug-gests (The dangers of dis-not scientists think that their traction, January 18) that the courts are an inappropriate place for it to be determined whether or not childhood cancers are caused by electro-magnetic fields (EMF), and other complex issues requiring scientific proof.

Is Dr Goodman seriously suggesting that, if we can show the high levels of EMF in Simon Studholme's bed-room killed him and that Norwere negligent in not warning the family about the risks of having their son sleep next to the electric meter, they should not have to pay compensation to the family? Scientists may prefer to see

the world as one big laboratory experiment for them to analyse and assess at will. However, the reality is that every statistic in one of their studies is a real person who is entitled to all the rights and Acharacle, privileges accorded by soci- Argyll, ety, including the right to Scotland.

work is above the law that governs the rest of us. Martyn Day. Solicitor for the Studholme family. Leigh, Day and Co, 51 Grays Inn Rd. London WC1X BPP.

AD Dr Goodman anything to do with an electricity company? I ask because his article on epidemiology contains much fogging.

He states that there is a

very small risk from electro-magnetic fields, and that even if the risks were high, it would be too expensive to do much about it. He compares the risk to that from tobacco: but tobacco is a risk that I can choose not to take. Georgina Smith. Sanna.

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nigh six score variants in the north of England and southern Scotland, plus soma from the US. He gives the arguments for and against the origins of this counting system. by no means settled, and suggests that further study would be helpful Your correspondent Muriel Granger Manubelieves that newspaper pro ary 13) highlights this by citing a series much of which does not appear in his long list. Anyone over 80 should be besought for information as libel action Any owner or editor who soon as possible: your Country Diarists are always

played that kind of game would seen come unstuck. Successful editors have an accurate picture of their readers and the sort of thing that

judges involved in the libel

judges were to assess the damages, the costs of fighting ases are so enormous that for the provincial and trade press - especially the inde pendents - the costs of resist ing a claim alone could bankrupt a title. From his Olympian vantage

point on the bench Sir Maurice may choose to say that a publication must be prepared to put its existence and the livelthood of its staff at risk if it believes itself to be right but then he and his fellow lawyers can say what they like in court without putting their livelihoods at risk. If on his way to becoming Britain's senior libel judge he tool some steps to find out how the press really works, his opinions might have more value They might also be modified. Frank Branston.

Like most lawyers and Chairman, Local Sunday Newspapers Ltd, casino. Sir Maurice seems to 54 Alma Street, Luton LU1 2PL

ens all-out Chechen war. Jannary 18) is right to emphasise Chechen cause in Turkey. However, it would be wrong to presume from his description of Mohammed Tocjan, the hijacker of the Trabzon-Sochi ferry, as having been a holy warrior" in Abkhazia. that the Abkhaz conflict was a religious war and that the

Abkhaz are Islanuc militants.

but or-Christian, the remain-

Some 55 per cent of the Abk-

dent (Russian PM threat-ens all-out Chechen war, Janto see current conflicts in the

Fellow, St Antony's College, European Studies Centre, Oxford OX2 6JF.

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A Country Diary

CHESHIRE: The latest annual report published by the Cheshire and Wirral Ornitho-Rated amongst the top five in the Best Annual Bird Report Award run by the monthly magazine British Birds in its 1993 issue, the Society has responded confidently to the continuing challenge of further improvement in their report for 1994. A systematic list of the 233 species recorded in Cheshire and Wirral during the year provides a wealth of information sifted by the report compilers from observations submitted by 178 individual contributors and 24 bird societies and clubs. The remainder of the 108 pages include a report from the county ringing group and a number of articles such as those on the breeding status of Long-eared Owls and Ravens, the Ruddy Shelduck influx, and the discovery of a Yellow-breasted

logical Society was waiting for me on my return from a month's tour of Argentina.

This was an exciting "find" This was an exciting "find" and to quote the County recorder "a speciality of the Northern Isles, this species is incredibly rare on the west coast." Elsewhere, it is encouraging to read that a record four pairs of Peregrine Falcon bred or attempted to breed - two and three young respectively were raised at two sites, one nest failed for no apparent reason, and the fourth nest was lost to human predators - the egg collectors. The report is not without its lighter moments, for example under Sparrowhawk "a female plucking a pigeon at Eccleston was disturbed by a dog and flew off — followed by the pigeon!" Copies of this report are available from DJ Steventon, 207 Hurdsfield Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire,

SK10 2PX. Price £4.95. J M THOMPSON

The rich will vouch for vouchers

cannot be assumed that the momentum ability from his administration, and

ble. The most intractable issues cannot | rights within the Palestinian "entity".

But debate on pre-schooling is drowned by the Harman factor

Government's plan for nursery schools yesterday - a proposal which she had fought and resisted until over-ruled by the Prime Minister. It took a Conservative backbencher and former education minister, George Walden, to pose the most awkward question: just how much would be handed out to well-off parents already happily spending their own money on private provision. Mrs Shephard was unable to say. She claimed to want all people to benefit but if she was genuine, she would abandon the plan. It contains no extra capital for new places, no extra resources to train the necessary teachers, no extra cash for year ago:"I am having no truck with £1,100 vouchers — equivalent to half the cost of a fulltime nursery school place April next year. The comfortably-off, into insignifance compared to the

WITHOUT a trace of embarrassment, welcome the subsidy - many of the the Education Secretary set out the poor who have been unable to find a free place or pay for a private one will still be shut out. Yet there was not even the glimmer of a blush from the Education Secretary. There was a more important quarry to hunt: Harriet

Harman. Most Conservative MPs had a single purpose: maintaining the spotlight on Labour's shadow health secretary who preach one thing and send their children to other schools outside their

is sending her son to a Kent grammar school in contradiction to her party's opposition to selective education. The cruellest jibe came from a Tory quoting from an article by Labour's shadow education secretary in his local paper a three-year-olds. All that is on offer are middle class, leftwing parents who — for all four-year-olds beginning in area." Ouch. Yet Ms Harman's sin pales already paying for their children, will | Tories' nursery "sell out".

ANDA WORD TO THE PRESS: PRINT ANY OF THOSE RUMOURS ABOUT MY PRIVATE LIFE AND I'LL SUE!

Have i got news for you

IT is not reassuring that Sir I have lost all notion of the Missinge Drake. Britain's value of money. Even if senior libel under Publish judges were to assess the and be dammed, January 19). prietors knowingly publish untrue stories, calculating that the gain in circulation will outweigh the costs of a

will get and keep them inter-ested. When they have an attractive story which is difficult to prove, they may try to guess whether the person concerned is likely to sue. In Elbly thought that, given some of the things he had admitted in the past, the new claim was small beer. He proved them

Don't let religion hijack the truth OUR Turkish correspon- | break of war in 1992 there was

the strong sympathy for the Caucasus purely in religious Richard Clogg

der Muslims Before the out- acknowledge those not used.

Mathew Norman

hasppeared in the Church Ties. Lincoln Cathedri the closest thing in Anglanism to the medieval Vican, requires a public-retions officer. The salary isl4,000-£18,000, and the winer must, states the casified, "act in accordice with the Cathedral's rssion statement". What-er this actually means, ur first PR challenge may to put a rosy gloss on the rongful-dismissal action rought by former verger erity Freestone. She aims an affair with the ean, Brandon Jackson. He vas cleared of adultery by in ecclesiastical court, and hen made certain allega-tions about how he believed colleagues had treated him. This in turn led Bishop Robert Hardy to accuse him of "not behaving like a Chris-"not behaving like a Christian gentleman", and to threaten resignation unless senior clerics stopped bitching. Very "another glass of sherry wine, vicar?", isn't it? The meek may inherit the Earth, but they are advised to steen well also of vised to steer well clear of Lincoln Cathedral.

T Bush House, members of the BBC
"drama rep" (regular radio actors) believe that rehearsaltimes have be-come ludicrously eroded. One group recently approached a management fig ure to ask for an extra rehearsal! "When I hire a plumber, 'said the suit, "I expect himto get it right first time."

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FEAR forthe health and safety of ny unpompous friend Driulian Lewis, the man whospends his days scanning the airwaves for anti-Torybias. In a neat reversal of the usual form, Julian is being sued by the solicitor for he very maga-zine he himself once boasted of closing with a libel action. The smiention surrounds papers, left by Scallywag is vacated north London printses, that came someow into Julian's possession Worried for him, I leav messages at Tory Cental Office every day, but henever calls. Usually he is stremely polite, so perhaphe has been taken ill? r kidnapped? If you have positive sighting of Julian all the Diary at once and pit its mind at

Winner has broken a wild record. On Sunday, a had articles in no fewerhan four national papers—his regular "Do you knot who I am?" food column i the Sunday Times; is "political" column a the News of the World; piece about how much hispends every Christnes in Barbados in the Obsever, and one about a novel influenced by the action langster films made by me ad Quentin Tarantino" i the Sunday Express. lichael's prolific word dunt is now officially in diret inverse proportion to his serm count (the low-est in propean history).

AVID Davies writes

from Wakefield, to pass on the following quotirom a business magazine. The future of Fokker is in he hand of Mr Kok." This xciting news provides a chace to repeat an old, posoly apocryphal, but endssly engaging anecdotebout Douglas Bader. addessing a very posh gir boarding school. "Ail then this Fokker appered at three o'clock," he tol them, "and another Foker came into view at fiv o'clock, so I pulled awy and there was anoler Fokker straight aead . . " As the giggling gew, the headmistress be-one more fidgety until she ould take no more, and in-trrupted. "Girls," she lid, "I must make it quite ear to you that the Fok-ers to which Mr Bader efers were German fighter ircraft." "That's as it may be, madam," said Bader. "These fuckers were in Messerschmitts."

UDGE Edwin Torres of New York last week reinforced a reputation for mordant wit, when a man just convicted of corporate fraud last week made the tactical error of asking about his release date.
"Your parole officer," growled the laconic judge, "has not yet been born."



Ashdown comes to Inspect the wiring job advert for years (since chief proof-reader on the itsan Hampshire crosswol compendium, in fact) hat ppeared in the Chymal Miles.

Commentary Hugo Young

OME people say the election campaign has started too soon. I do not agree. There's a proper symmetry in these things. By spring 1997, the Government will have been in power for 18 years. That the preamble to its eviction should be stretched over 18 months does not seem excess. months does not seem excessive. An 18-year record de-serves examination with duly measured solemnity. That-cherism, a large fact draped across the late decades of the century, merits more than a

economy collapsing, its poli-tics in ruins, its future poised between certain disaster and the conceivable possibility of re-birth — as long as his remedies were adopted. Nothing new about that, you may say: except that there was

rity is marked by philosophi-cal inertia, the Lib Dems have at last attained it. On the substance of their message — tax education, the environment, Europe — they have nothing new to say. It is a remarkable retreat from even the smallest

whift of originality.

On the other hand, forswearing creative small messages, Mr Ashdown comes out with a resounding big one. He ground, It was a challenge to puts into better, because less-inhibited, words than anyone the challenge facing the left.
Amid the aspirational platitudes that could be uttered
with equal aplomb by Mr
Major and Mr Blair, about welfare reform and long-term investment and better education and the rest of the painfour-week scuttle by those who would displace it.

Last night Paddy Ashdown made an opening campaign speech of suitable scale. He postulated a country on the brink of Armageddon, its seconomy collegative its political reform of a kind, he insists, which transcends the capacity of a single party in a single Parliament to bring capacity of a single party in a single Parliament to bring

It would be easy to damn this effort with faint bathos. Mr Ashdown and his party have fears that are far from the high ground he trod last night. He may soon be look-ing for a role. If Labour wins

novelty in what Mr Ashdown by 100 seats, the old politics did not say. For this speech, "a bridge to the next millen will be able to do little but sit nium", marked the transition there quietly seething. By of the Liberal Democrats mapping out a multi-party apaway from being the party of proach to constitutional new ideas. If political matureform, the leader may be whistling to keep his spirits up. He is also, without doubt, seeking to instruct his own party diehards in the virtues of a collaboration some of them detest as much as Dennis Skinner. So in one way, this was the

> political orthodoxy at a time when that doxy is less automatically accepted than it has been for decades. It said that unless the political wiring is renewed, the power that cir-culates from the people to their rulers and back again will ever more regularly short out. This renewal cannot be a party affair. In a way that isn't true of schools reform or a new crime bill, it has to express a palpable surge of national opinion, which one party is almost certainly incapable of attracting. And if, in theory, one party might do it, that party can never be the Labour Party, which still contains too few

Thus spoke Mr Ashdown, as I liberally interpret him. The systemic critique which the Lib Dems have been advancing for years has, he thinks, met its moment in the histowy of a discontinuous and the property of the property history of a disenchanted national psyche. Also, he suggests, its political moment. For when a Blair government comes to the point of reform, it will not be able to rely on a united body of Labour MPs to suppose the form of the programment. half-baked basis the leader-ship is contemplating What Ashdown sees from his lofty stance is what other interested observers must also fear: a Labour government that has failed to prepare its reforms, disguised their radicalism even from itself, omit ted to secure proper public understanding of them, and is therefore in danger of intensi-

Without a PR promise from Labour, the Lib Dems recoil from playing

fying the very alienation on which it now has a unique op-

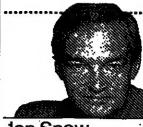
portunity to build. So, he makes a challenge to the Labour Party to engage in partnership politics, and pro-poses how this might be be done across the floor of the House without resort to election pacts and similar non-starters. And what he wants, of course, is a Labour com mitment to the ultimate tool and instrument of the new politics, electoral reform. politicians who seriously be This he cannot have, and the lieve in the splendours and question is whether Mr Blair's silence on the subject

not making the promise, some good, some bad, all pretty ineluctable. Any such promise, for a start, would split the party. From an opposition leader it would be much less credible than it might be from unified body of Labour MPs to credible than it might be from support it. Even a large majority might not be enough to guarantee Scottish devolution, or a Lords reform on the half-haked basis the leadership is contemplating. What ing around in the wings, is the consideration that while parts of the Murdoch press may be willing to see Blair into power as a way of induc-ing a rightward shift in the Conservative Party, that slight possibility would vanish to nothing if the Tories, as a result of PR, looked like being out of power for 20

What Ashdown and his

people under-estimate, how-ever, is Blair's pledge at the 1995 party conference to hold a PR referendum. He didn't need to make this. Several colleagues advised him against it. By pushing it into the speech, he registered, I think, his constructive agnosticism. He knows PR may become in-tegral to his project, offering the chance to assemble a genu-ine national majority in coalition behind reform, in contrast to the minority that gave Thatcherism fake legitimacy. He is open to an argument that emerges not from Lib Dem self-interest but from an evolving national consensus.
He is biding his time. But the
pledge will have to be honoured, and Blair will wish to avoid, at almost any cost, holding a reformers' referendum in which he comes our against reform. That is the large, rather new fact Paddy Ashdown should not forget.

Away with Dame Alice to Wonderland



Jon Snow

HE REQUIREMENT to address Fergie as "Your Grace" has clearly been exercising court circles no end of late. By last week several Privy Councillors were openly discussing the possibility of stripping her of her title. This raises two questions and a "Sin" leak tions: can you do a "Sir" Jack Lyons on a Duchess — poor Jack having had his swept away by the Guinness black stuff; and what, in the late 20th century, should we be doing about the "front-loaded" honours — honours that alter the title of the

It is the latter we need to attend to most urgently if the Prime Minister's two goals of reforming the honours sys-tem and delivering a classless society are to be realised within his political life-time. For in the end it is the "frontloaded" name changes deliv-ered by the honours system that help to epitomise Brit-ain's failure as a classless society. Curiously, Margaret Thatcher's lunge for the free market in economic matters was never matched by a similar understanding of the need to open up socio-political structures to the same market

forces.

Nothing more acutely represents the antithesis of the free market than the honours system, or that prized element of it that yields a "front-loaded" title change—the barons, Enights and dames who henceforth because the Dame Edwar and Signature. come the Dame Ednas and Sir Jacks of British life, Whatever happens in private, marof the world the message that the safeguarding of our com-mon property — humankind — calls for developing in each of us a new loyalty, a loyalty to mankind. ket forces play no public role, neither in their selection nor in their disposal.

For when the recipients are past their sell-by date only very exceptionally do they not then continue to occupy the titular high-ground of social and political activity. progress of science and tech-nology has made this globe achieved in the course of marof the defining elements of Margaret Thatcher's legacy will surely be the fact that, for all her reforming zeal, her political tombstone will be adorned not with the name in which she carried out her monetarist reforms, but with the Baroness element which so symbolises the entrenched social resistance to so much of what she stood for economically.
So much for the Duchess

named in the last honours list had been nominated by the public. He did not disclose how many of the titles were so nominated. The suspicion is strong that it was less than one. So Mr Major has given society a 40 per cent stake in the "back-loaded" honours, the non-title-changing CBEs, OREs and MREs. OBEs and MBEs.

Labour has not nominated

hood or damehood in 16 years. Neither has it named anyone other than technical working peers to go to the Lords. Yet titles are a well-worn method deployed by all three parties once in govern-ment for keeping their MPs in line. So what happens if Labour wins the next General Election? An end to these titles? And what of the lesser "back-loaded" honours? Just as the honours system

flew in the face of Margaret Thatcher's free-market ecomine the concept of the stake-holder. Presumably stakeholders are "equal under God" when it comes to blement via some mysterious would appear to assault the concept of melding us into a society in which we all have a stake, irrespective of our circumstance. The frontloaded honour invariably gives the recipient an unmer ited financial and social addon when set alongside other

■HUS when it comes to Mr Blair's "stakehold-ing", a title is likely to distort the market in which the stakeholder is functioning. Indeed, there's not much evidence either that the title assists Britain in the process of becoming Mr Major's "enterprise centre of Europe". There is nothing Europe". There is noming very enterprising about a society in which inheritance still staffs part of its legislature. Adding to their number with titles for life hardly suggested a modern nation search. gests a modern nation gear-ing up for the 21st century. Yet the retiring beloved

cricket umpire Dickle Bird has a timely message for those who might like to throw the whole system out with the 20th century. Many will have heard his open tearfulness as he recounted the difficulty with Her Grace the day I got my MBE". Recogni-Duchess of York. Indeed, one tion is important to people stakeholders and dwellers in the "enterprise centre" alike. But it must be possible to on to a society in which en-forced social hierarchy and medieval name-changing remain the order of the day. As the political parties appear to close the ideological

gaps between them, it must surely be possible to achieve a classless, stakeholding soci-So much for the Duchess and the "front-loaded" title. "Your Grace" rejoins Alice's Where is the "stakeholder" in Wonderland, from whence it all this? John Major told us presumably sprang.

complications of constitu-tional reform. must be an absolute impedi-In his first newspaper article since winning the Nobel peace prize, Joseph Rotblat argues that to end the danger of nuclear genocide we must outlaw war itself – and calls on Britain to play its part by supporting Paul Keating's Canberra Commission

Going to war on war

Here then is the problem which we present to you, stark and dreadful and inescapable. Shall we put an end to the human race, or shall mankind

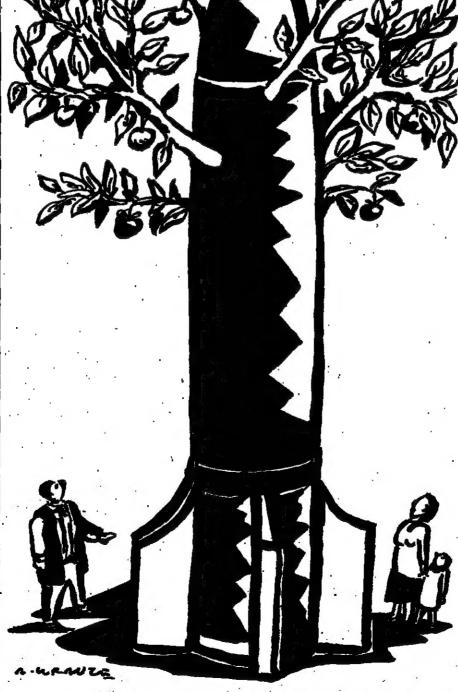
HIS WAS the ques-tion posed in 1955 in the Russell-Einstein Manifesto. It was not a rhetorical time because of the realisation that, with the development of the hydrogen bomb and ballistic missiles, human beings became an endangered

species.
The extinction of the human race could result from a natural event, for example a collision with a comet or meteorite or an exceptionally violent volcanic eruption. Such a phenomenon was probably responsible for the extinction of the dinosaurs. But the fact that this cataclysmic disaster occurred some 60 million years ago, and none of such magnitude has apparently happened since, means that for all practical purposes we can put it out of our minds.

That such a catastrophe could be caused by the action could be caused by the action of man was never considered seriously. History is full of attempted genocide. The gravest occurred this century: the Nazi programme of systematic elimination of whole categories of people, for no other reason than they were members of certain races. But members of certain races. But there were no technical means for omnicide. The advent of nuclear weapons has changed all this.
The chief characteristic of

the nuclear age is that, for the first time in history, man has acquired the technical capacity to destroy his own species, and to accomplish it, wilfully or accidentally, in a single action. The enormous significance of this situation has not yet sunk in, it seems We continue with our squabbles, which often lead to war, ignoring the danger that minor disputes may escalate into large-scale hostilities. and eventually to, a nuclear confrontation with cata-strophic consequences. Back in the fiftles, the superpowers responded to the question in the Russell-Ein-stein Manifesto, not by

renouncing war but by trying to make it impossible through the policy of "mutually as-sured destruction". It is widely believed that deter-rence worked; it appears to many to have brought stability during the cold-war period. But this is a grand illusion. There was no mili-tary stability; what we did have was a furious arms race. At no time was either of the superpowers satisfied with what it had in its arsenal Throughout the period, scien-tists on both sides of the Iron Curtain kept on inventing new gadgets to make their own weapons more effective and those of the enemy more vulnerable. The result was an



Star Wars project, a defensive umbrella which would have led to more offensive weapons

being deployed.
There was an even chance,
in my opinion, that a hardline
leader would resort to the use
of nuclear weapons in a desperate move to end the con-flict. Fortunately, a sane man Gorbachev — influenced in part by the debates in Pugwash meetings — called a halt to the arms race, and saved civilisation.

At present the danger of a

nuclear confrontation is obscene accumulation of greatly reduced, but it is still weapons: at one time reaching 70,000 nuclear warheads, 100 times more than was icy, which is bound to lead to needed for deterrence. Even more countries seeking the this was not enough to ensure security which the United treaty to outlaw the possestimate goal.

Should these entries succeed in bringing about a ultimate goal.

To abolish war we need to General Assembly and Security, and Ronald Reagan Kingdom and others say that sion of nuclear weapons, the create a new mind-set. We Conference on Disarmament

felt obliged to embark on the | the possession of nuclear | world would be a safer place weapons provides. The only way to prevent this is to get rid of all nuclear weapons. There is indeed a

British government. Should these efforts suc-

but not completely safe. The knowledge of how to make nuclear weapons cannot be erased. Even in a nuclearweapons. There is indeed a growing realisation among the general public, as well as political and military leaders, of the need to create a nuclear-weapon-free world.

The initiative of the Australian may wholesale destruction may wholesale destruction may from science. The Elimination of Nuclear human species will never be weapons is evidence of this trend. Paul Keating announced the Commission last sell-Einstein Manifesto: the end of the human race or study of its type directly supported by a government. It the first is unacceptable, war deserves the support of the must cease to be an admissi-British government. ble social institution. The abolition of all war must be our

Interestingly, the practical means for this are provided by science itself. The fantastic come close neighbours.
Thanks to the tremendous increasing number of people from different countries meets each other. The devel-opment of satellite communications enables each of us to know instantly what is going on in any part of the world. By the use of computer network systems we can talk to each other; further advances in computer technology will overcome the language bar-rier. All of us, all inhabitants of the globe, are becoming like one family. But we still consciously and acquire a loy-alty to mankind.

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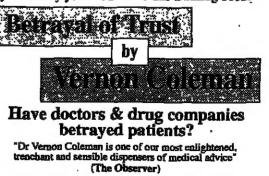
Loyalty to a group is an assential element in civilisation. A group, in which individual members fulfil special. ised tasks, has a much better chance of achieving prosperity and security than if each individual fends for himself. It is in the interest of all members of the group to work in unison. Hence, loyalty to the group is essential. In the early history of civilisation the group was small, a family, but gradually — with increasing specialisation — a number of such groups combined, linked by some common char-acteristic; new loyalties were superimposed on the original ones, an extension rather than a replacement of previous loyalties. With increasing inter-

dependence of people, largely arising from technological advances, ever larger groups evolved, leading to the nation. This is where it has got so far. Loyalty to one's nation is at present supreme, overriding the loyalties to other groupings. But now, when the whole of mankind needs protection, we have to extend loyalty beyond the nation. At a time when the action of a single nation may endanger the whole of civilisation, it is imperative to develop, and recognise consciously, even formally, loyalty to the whole of mankind. We must learn to think of ourselves as citizens of the world. The survival of humankind can no longer be taken for granted. It should be our conscious goal as we approach the new millennium.

Professor Joseph Rotblat won. the 1995 Nobel peace prize for his work with the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs to abolish nuclea weapons. He is in Canberra now with the Commission for the Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, which will meet three or four times before reporting to Paul Keating by August 31, 1996. The Australian government then intends to

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Erotic dreams in Paris

could justifiably be called the last of the Surrealists. Born in Buenos Aires of Italian and Slav parentage, she was brought up in Trieste in the circle of James Joyce, Italo Svevo and Rainer Maria Rilke. She had no formal artistic braining but was mal artistic training but was recognised as a child prodigy. She studied the Italian Manmal artistic training but was recognised as a child prodigy. She studied the Italian Mannerist painters in Florence and Venice and the works of Klimt and Schiele in Vienna. Her hero was Nietzsche whose declaration that marriage and family were incom-patible with a life of great creativity became her credo. In 1929 she spent a year in Milan, where she joined the Novecento Italiano group round Giorgio de Chirico, who became a close friend and important influence. He showed her Surrealist publications, and in 1931 she moved to Paris. Meetings parelli, and exhibited her own moved to Paris. Meetings with Max Ernst and Henri Cartier-Bresson soon led to invitations to join André Bre-

wearing pink silk cardinal's Paris and spent some time in stockings under a minimum Arcachon with the Dalis bestockings under a minimum of outer garments than to any admiration for her work. Fini was invited to exhibit with the Surrealists in 1933 and then again in 1936 in London and New York. Georges Hugnet, Eugene lo-nesco and Georges Bataille became close friends, and Max Ernst, Paul Eluard and

ton and his Surrealist friends

nary beauty and her habit of

de Chirico wrote poems or articles devoted to her work. Fini shared the Surrealist fascination with Freud and his analysis of dreams and its source in the world of dream or nightmare. These precisely figurative and carefully controlled images came from her instinctive imaginalater years, to proclaim her independence from Breton's tight control of the group. She

HE ARTIST, Leonor ists but I disliked the defer-Fini, who has died ence with which everyone in Paris aged 87, treated Breton and I hated his misogyny. It seemed that the women were expected to keep quiet in café discussions, yet I felt I was just as good as the

Fini was in great demand in exchanged for a painting. When someone suggested it was rather warm for such clothing, she opened her coat to reveal that she was naked. George Hoyningen-Buene photographed her dressed in nothing but black feathers. In furniture.

During the late thirties, Fini had a relationship with Max Ernst and the two would at their regular meetings in attend parties in the most the cases of St Germain and extraordinary costumes. Pi-Pigalle. The enthusiastic wel-casso was infatuated with come she received perhaps her, and Salvador and Gala owed more to her extraordi- Dali became close friends. At fore settling in Monte Carlo. There she fell in love with the Italian consul, Count Stanis-lao Lepri, whom she persuaded to leave the service of the fascists. Later in Rome, she met the Polish writer. Constantin Jelenski, and the three friends set up a ménage à trois in Paris that lasted for

40 years until their deaths. During and after the war Fini's paintings reached maturity. She created an erotic dream-world where women were in control, often in the disguise of the sphinx. These images showed a concern with ancient knowledge of ceremonies and rituals, a my-thology based on the artist's own psychological and sexual experiences of both men and women. Her concept of eroticism allowed for no idea of woman as fertility figure. Her Benjamin Britten. She de-



was inconceivable that her submissive nude male figures could ever become fathers. The image of the female self

work as ground-breaking. that adulation. She told me: "I am not a feminist. I hate being claimed as a feminist. I am not pleased to be included in books on feminist artists. I painter. I am independent." In post-war Paris, Fini befigures in the artistic world. She designed ballets for Balanchine and Petit, and he creation Le Rève de Leonor of 1949 was choreographed by Frederick Ashton to music by

hint of motherhood, and it And Death (1968), and illustrated over 60 books. She also produced designs for almost 30 operas and plays, including Les Bonnes and Le Balcon by subverted the male Surreams, dialogue with the female body (as in Magritte, Dali, ful portraits of her friends, Bellmer), and recent feminist Margot Fonteyn, Federico hailed Fini's Fellini, Marcel Jouhandeau, Suzanne Flon and Jean

Her show at the Kaplan Gal-lery in London in 1960 had a Ernst, and at her exhibition at the Hanover Gallery in London in 1967, an opening address was given by Stephen Spender. Her retrospective at the Musée du Luxembourg in Paris in 1986 attracted 35,000 visitors in one month, and reviews tended to be eulogies rather than criticisms.

In recent years Fini divided her time between an old farmhouse by the Loire and a

weeks ago. A visit to Fini was unforgettable. Speaking French with a strong Italian accent, she would tell hilari-ous and often slanderous stories about her old friends and heap abuse on those contemporary artists whose work she found of no value. constant companion, chef and secretary, Rafael Martinez, would be served also about the career of "the martine on the career o would be served, also shared with her 18 exotic cats, who would be allowed to roam the dinner table and help themselves to the delicacies on offer. Woe betide the visitor who tried to intervene. Leonor Fini remained her own person, an independent

Peter Webb

woman of great talent and presence to the end.

Sidney Korshak

Mouthpiece for the Mob in Hollywood

his real epitaph be published as, among other things, the Mafia's top lawyer. He was also a man who symbolised that curious American social phenomenon of the evolution creasingly legitimate

never bothered with an office, represented Ronald Reagan and Frank Sinatra and George Raft but became better known throughout the movie world as the Mob's ambassador to Hollywood. From the age of 21, when he was made consigliere by Al Ca-pone, and sent to Hollywood take-over of the key union. the Theatrical Stage Employ-ees, Korshak exercised an ex-traordinary and discreet

To the Justice Department's organised crime divment's organised trime div-ision, he was "the brains be-hind the Mob", the one figure trusted enough by all the fam-ilies to be asked to arbitrate disputes. Korshak was so powerful that when he turned up at the Riviera botel in Las Jimmy Hoffa was bounced out of his suite to make room man who ensured that The Godfather movie was made. When producer Robert Evans was threatened that he and his son would be murdered if they tried to make a movie about the Mob, he appealed to

"One call from Mr K, and suddenly threats turned into smiles, and doors once closed opened with an embrace," Evans wrote in his autobiography. Evans, who became head of Paramount, called Korshak "My godfather and king of Hollywood".
"A nod from Korshak and

the Teamsters change man-agement. A nod from Korshak, and Santa Anitas [racetrack] closes. A nod from Korshak, and Madison Square Garden stays open. A addire Garden slays open, and Vegas shuts down. A nod from Korshak, and the Dodgers can auddenly play night baseball, "Evans went on. "Am I exaggerating? Quite the contrary. In the spirit of confidentiality, it's an underplay.

was under contract to MGM, who would not release him. Evans appealed to Korshak, who made a single phone call, to Kirk Kerkorlan, the majority stockholder in MGM. Kerkorian was building the new MGM-Grand hotel in Las Vegas at the time. "I asked him if he wanted to finish building his hotel." Korshak later told Evans, explaining the ease with which Pacino had been freed from his MGM contract. "He was the primary link "He was the primary link between big business and organised crime," according to retired FBI agent William Roemer, who spent 30 years trying without success to nall him. "His life was one of liv-

into Korshak that the Kenne dy family learned to shun Frank Sinatra. Along with the rest of the Hollywood rat pack, which included in Peter Lawford a Kennedy brother in-law, Sinaira and Dean Mar-tin had thrown their support behind the John Kennedy candidacy in 1960, the first flush of what is now an almost symbiotic relationship between Hollywood and the

In 1962, on a trip to California, it was arranged for President Kennedy to stay with Sinatra, who even built a heli-copter landing pad and special guest quarters for the | 1906; died January 20; 1996

NLY WITH the death at his Beverly Hills home of Sidney KorMichael Corleone, But Pacino
Korshak and knew (his links to the Giancana mily and other Mafia chietins, found that Sinatra keptoming up on the wiretaps at in the conversations, and old Kennedy he should no go. fronically, the social sub was delivered at the very me that Kennedy's CIA was eking the help of the Gianona Korshak owned a chunlof Le Bistro, a celebrated Everly Hills restaurant, whre and MCA chairman Lew Wiserman, who dismissed ar suggestion that Korshak w. connected to the Mafia. "He ing in a minefield and never stepping on anything," said Robert Blakey, a member of the special Mafia task force set up by the then-attorney general Robert Kennedy.

It was through the research shak was never tried and never convicted (His power convicted the power a very good personal friend.

never convicted. His power never convicted, it is power was such that he could bring FBI director J Edgar Hoover to his table at charity events, even as the FBI was trying to

wiretap him. He is survived and two sons, one a painter and the other Hollywood lawyer, and by a cousin, Leslie Korshak, who commented yesterday: "He understood the power of amonymity. He wore power the way an average guy wears sweatsuit."



Yisrael Eldad

Fiery opponent of the peace process

ISRAEL Eidad, grand old man of the Israeli far right who has died the Fighters for the Freedom of Israel — more widely remembered as the Stern Gang — the smallest and most ruthless of the underground organisations that fought British and Arabs in the final, mandate. He remained true to his extremist views all his life and was an active opponent of the peace process with the

Eldad, born Yisrael Sheib in Ukraine, escaped from Soviet-occupied Lithuania to Palestine in 1941, along with other followers of the right-wing "revisionist" Zionist leader, Vladimir Jabotinsky. Menachem Begin, later to be-come head of the Irgun group, and a future Israeli prime minister, was a close coleague. Later Eldad described the shock of encountering the relative serenity of Palestine

Sternists wanted to wage a preach co-existence with the war of liberation" against Palestinians.

Palestinians.

Eldad was out in the cold "war of liberation" against British colonialism but found age 85, was a leader of themselves shunned by a mainstream Zionist move-ment that still saw Britain as a strategic ally despite severe restrictions on Jewish immigration and land sales - and shunned their conspiratorial style and terrorist methods. Nazis about cooperation against the British put them forever beyond the pale.

After Avraham Stern, founder of the eponymous gang, was gunned down by a Eldad — a classical scholar and philosopher with a vitriolic pen and a flery manner — became the ideologue of the

group. Yirzhak Shamir, later to succeed Begin as Israeli prime minister, ran its opera-tions, including the notorious assassination of the Swedish UN mediator, Count Bernadotte, in 1948. The third memcompared to Europe, where the Nazi extermination of the Jews was beginning. ber of the triumvirate was Natan Yellin-Mor. who subse-quently moved to the left to

for almost 30 years, one of a lonely band of fringe ultranationalists forced to accept that Israel existed in narrow borders that were far from their grand vision of a resurgent Hebrew nation. But the 1967 war changed all that. The capture of East Jerusalem. the West Bank and Gaza Strip - Judea and Samaria to the exultant right — literally opened up new horizons. "Greater Israel" became a reality and a small but active settler movement began to prosper under the Labour

government of the day. It took another full decade - until 1977 — for electoral reality to catch up with shift-ing ideology and changes on the ground. After the victory of Begin's new Likud party settlements went up on lonely West Bank hillsides, a brutal challenge to every Palestinian town and village. Eldad, the man who translated Nietzsche unto Hebrew.

again became a public figure.



Yisrael Eldad . . . espoused a messianic Zionism значисок

But he saw Bogin's evasive commitment to "autonomy" at Camp David as a dangerous compromise with principles. Arabs, he insisted, could only ever be a minority. Later he defended dewish settlers who waged a terrorist campaign against Palestonians. In his final years Eldai bitterly op-posed the Israel-PLO peace

thing seemed to be falling

Labour government of Yitzhak Rabin, assassinated by a

Eldad used his weekly column in the Yedlot Aharonot newspaper — the largest circulation Hebrew paper in the land — to attack the peace process, especially during last month's accelerated withdrawal from West Bank towns. He made clear that Rabin's murder - by a young religious fanatic whose single-minded commitment would have been familiar to him from Stern Gang days was less serious than the surrender of Eretz Yisrael (The Land of Israel): "Whoever does not feel the loss and the destruction ... does not understand that this is the most dangerous assassination of all — the daily cutting away of the body and the

ian Black

Yisrael Eldad, extremist politician, born November, 11 1910; moves launched by the died January 22, 1996

Birthdays

Dame Mary Arden, High Court judge, 49; Prof Gillian Brown, phenologist, 59; Gary Burton, vibraphonist, jazz composer, 53; Princess Caroline of Monaco, 39; Prof Alastair Compston. neurologist, 48; Lord Den-ning, former Master of the Rolls, 97; Ian Dudgeon, race-horse trainer, 51; Prof David Ford, theologian, 48; Bill Hayden, governor-general of Australia, 63; Rutger Hauer, actor, 52; Phillip Knightley. author and journalist, 67; Petr Korda, tennis player, 28; Sir James Lighthill, FRS, mathematician, former Provost, University College, London, 72; Fiona Mac-Carthy, writer, 56; Jeanne tine Nicholls, historian, edltor, Hutchinson Encyclopedia of Biography, 53; Bob Paisley, former football manager, 77; Rupert Pen-nant-Rea, former deputy governor, Bank of England, 18; Sir Alick Rankin, chairman. Scottish Financial Enterprise and Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, 61; Andy Rashleigh, actor. 47; Ted Rowlands, Labour MP, 56; Joan Walley, Labour 47; Benny Waters, saxophonist, 94; Brian Weight, chief con**Another Day**

January 23, 1935: I am contemplating writing to Ivor Nicholson, cursing his reader. If you told the story of any book in the form of a reader's report, it would sound awful. Reader's report of Henry Fourth, Part One, by Shakespeare: "This is a story of life in London. The plot is improbable and does not carry conviction, as it deals with a Prince of Wales who apparently frequents public houses. There is a fat man named Falstaff ... I believe there are two ways

of writing novels. One is mine, making the thing a sort of musical comedy without music, and ignoring real life altogether; the other is going right down into life and not caring a damn. The ones that fail are the ones where the writer loses his nerve and says, "My God! I can't write this, I must tone it down. Wodehouse on Wodehouse. Penguin, 1981.

Letter

Rod Prince writes: What an extraordinary claim from the late Patrick Bowles (obituary, January 18) that his fellow shift workers t Agenceof various sorts.
Assuming a "witer" to be a

different fish frot a journalist, I can tell you nat Bowles was the former, in the latter head had to break to news to him that his late: effort at translating and rasting a simple news item we useless, he would draw u a chair, light his pipe and mbark on a 35-minute seming on the nature of the prblem, if permitted.

Death Notices

tion, both between and

within organisations. Few-

and fewer people now shift

Jackdaw



Glug, glug

IDON'T know what it is, but it sounds like one of those old rudimentary electronic kind of things. It sounds rather dated, from a particular era. It sounds like it's from the

It's actually an underwater recording of bearded seals. Oh, right! I thought about the whales, it had that sort of quality. The whales I'd know, but the seals I didn't recognise. It sounded to me like people playing with early electronic music but really not composers. In fact they're not composers, which is quite reassuring. It's very sweet actually, it's

74. when I was in San Diego, and music departments were trying to set up doing free improvisation with dolphins. They'd analyse the sound of dolphins and then synthesise it and play it back and play with them. They'd put speakers in the ocean and play with the dolphins. The dolphins would sing with them and they'd do improvisations.

When I was in Los Angeles last week, there was a piece in the paper saying that they'd actually had to stop some sonic experiments in one of the bays north of Los Angeles because three large humpbacked whales were found dead in the bay . . . Is it true that you did some

underwater recordings for Sinking Of The Titanic? They weren't recorded under-water. What we did was to simulate it by working in a physics laboratory, simulating the kind of sounds which might have happened if the string. players were playing underwater. But in fact they can't play underwater so we couldn't do that. The depth of water we needed, several

miles in the North Atlantic. the speakers wouldn't have withstood the pressure. So we had to calculate what would happen ... We did the first live recording of the Sinking Of The Titanic in a disused vater tower that had a particularly interesting acoustic ambience. And then we did a performance just after that in a swimming bath in Brussels. We actually played on a raft on the water,

Composer Gavin Bryers inter-viewed in The Wire's Invisible Jukebox section, an intellertual variant on Name That Tune. Thanks to S Hamilton.

Old hand

I USED to play in a very good poker game, but they played a lot of crazy games, and it was very expensive. It wasn't one of those games where people work out the odds and then call the bet. It was more like, "Let's stick the money in and then think about it afterwards"...It got bigger and bigger and I did very well out of it. It helped educate my kids. But I then hit a financial

rock, professionally every-

apart, and at the same time I had three disastrous nights. In three weeks, I lost 10 grand. From where I stood, that was a great deal of money. I'm not stupid. I thought, I can't do this. I've got to get out. And so I stopped. It was very diffi-cult, because I had been playing in that game for 21 years. I didn't know what to do with my Tuesdays.... There used to be a woman who played at the casino. A great big. overweight, aggressive woman, profoundly ugly and profoundly unpleasant: people were trying to beat her, and they just gave her money, because they couldn't believe that when she bet she always had it. She was one of God's monsters and she used her monstrosity. Then there was a very sophisticated guy, he knew about the arts and wines and paintings and literature, but he was a terrible poker player and he could not conceive that people he

looked down on could run

Al Alvarez, author, critic, poet

and poker player, interviewed

rines around him.

Winter sun Q. I REALLY need my sun-

glasses on a sunny day, but is it naff to wear them in winter?

A. It used to be considered pretentious to wear sunclasses in winter, but recently they have become a very necessary accessory -whether worn as a substitute Alice band or as protection for the eyes. With worries about the disappearance of the ozone layer, beauty editors wouldn't go anywhere without their dark glasses to

Q I'M CONFUSED - I thought slingbacks were summer shoes but the shops are full of them at the moment. Can I wear tights with slingbacks to keep out the

A. You can wear tights with slingbacks, but the tights must be ultra-sheer and shouldn't have reinforced heels . . . Opaques simply do not work with slingbacks as they block in the heel area that the shoe is designed to expose. Sheer tights will

never be as cosy as opaque ones, but they will keep out the worst of the cold.

stable, Dorset, 60.

with lime green? A. Lime green is not an easy colour to wear. It really depends on your colouring . . . A hint of bright colour is always the best option if you're nervous about wearing it head to tóe . . . Lime green is a hot colour this season, but if it



Limeys . . . Vogue

doesn't suit you there are other shades — peppermint, pistachio, olive and emerald -from which you should be Q. CAN ANYONE get away

able to find a shade to suit your colouring. Vogue's Style Counsel dishes out advice for concerned fash-

Lit crit

OVER THE next few years, overall literacy, in the limited sense of rapid extraction of meaning from sufficiently simplified text (for example, news headlines, advertising and political slogans) can be expected to increase. But by the beginning of the next century, the proportion of the world's population who can read to the end of normal sentences may well be in rapid decline. A century later, the art of reading (as opposed to spotting key words and men-tally associating with them) may be confined to the ranks of a leisured elite. Over the same period, the capability for deliberation may join humanity's lost arts. This dispiritng trend is a result of increaing competi-

greater and greater workloads, driven ever faster by competitive anxieties, access tuated by rapid-reaction interoffice and worldwide computer nets. The signs of competitive anxiety can already be observed in the workplace — shrinking attention span, abbreviation of working memory, top-of-thehead responses, increasing emotionality, weatening of deliberative, deductive and ruminative thought, and aversion to the written word other than to scan t, annotate it and pass it on.

Donald Michie worries about the debilitating effect on liter-acy and attention spins of the Net and other compiler net-works in the New Saentist.

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Mobile phones share sale in March



£2.8bn Orange floats slice

bile phone group which started operations less than two years ago, float at least 25 per cent of the company in a move expected around £2.7 billion. Hans Snook, the group's

managing director, said all the money raised by the sale of new shares in March would the company's two shareholders, Hutchison Whampoa and fone networks.

lan King

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The battle for Forte

ERCURY Asset Man-

have committed its 14.4 per

cent stake in Forte to Gra-nada, thereby making the media and leisure combine odds-on favourite to win con-

MAM, which has been heavily criticised for its con-duct in the takeover battle, is

expected to confirm publicly

its support for Granada ahead

of the 1pm deadline for the

group's decision, which fol-lows meetings on Friday with Granada chief, Gerry Robin-son, and Forte boss, Sir Rocco

Forte, is likely to convince a string of other City fund man-

agers to back Mr Robinson.

ical of Sir Rocco's manage

ment of Forte in the past, are

widely tipped to support Gra-nada. But other institutions,

Several of the Scottish insti-

The fund management

trol of the hotels group.

bid this afternoon.

agement was last privately, insiders expressed night understood to anger at the way the fund

including NatWest Investinent Management and, it is 1,000 to 3,000 shares a time.

move into the black until 1998. However Orange had de-cided to include an offer for private investors after moni-toring internet discussion foring internet discussion groups and receiving latters from subscribers. Individuals had indicated they did not want to be left out if the company was floated, he said.

A new company called Orange has been formed to become the holding company of

come the holding company of Hutchison Telecommunica-tions UK, which owns the Orange mobile phone network, a national paging system and a service provider seiling air-time on the Cellnet and Voda-

Hutchison Whampon, a He said the issue was large Hong Kong trading mainly one for institutional group, and BAe, the civil avi-

MAM adds vital stake

to Granada's assault

believed, Gartmore, are likely

to reject Granada's offer.

MAM refused to make any

comment officially, although

management group, and in

particular its vice-chairman Carol Galley, have been criti-

One senior source said: "The

message that we have tried to

get across is that we take this

process very seriously, and feel that the outside world has

focused on the negatives of a

fund manager like ourselves.

In focusing on Carol, it hasn't

looked at the key issues, and we're annoyed at the way

people have impugned our

integrity."
Apart from MAM's much-

expected decision to back Granada, possibly the worst news for Sir Rocco was that

dealers vesterday reported

substantial defections by his

traditionally loyal army of private shareholders.

of private shareholdings had

been sold in the market, typi-

One dealer said "hundreds"

cised during the bid.

present owns 68.42 per cent and BAe the remaining

Orange hopes the new money it raises will be suffi-cient to repay the 2650 million it has borrowed from its shareholders. It already has sufficient funds to complete the construction of its network, following a recent £1.2 billion debt facility.

Orange, Britain's fourth and latest mobile phone group, uses the same PCN digital standard as Mercury One-2-One. Its larger rivals, Cell-net and Vodafone, have nationwide analogue net works and more recent digital pean GSM standard, now also scribers since the beginning being used widely in non- of the year, taking its total to

closed down 3p at 373p

against Granada's cash offe

shares closed up 2p at 696p, valuing its cash-and-shares

Other developments vester

day included Forte's publics

tion of a written parliamen

of the Board of Trade, Ian

Lang, to a question from Tory MP. John Carlisle, who had

asked Mr Lang if he intended

to act in respect of Granada's

"decision to understate pub-

licly its intention" for the dis-

posal of Forte's Meridien and exclusive hotels. In his reply,

Mr Lang said that if Mr Car-lisle had "evidence of im-proper conduct", he should

Forte highlighted Gra-

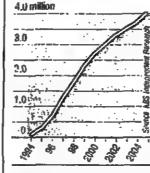
nada's U-turn over Meridien, in which it initially said it

would "capitalise" on the brand, but later said it had "downplayed" its intentions.

However, Granada said Forte was merely "mischief-making", and added it was certain it had done nothing

provide details of it.

offer at 388p.



more than 400,000. "We now

market place [for mobile | Orange has already invested phones] and over 26 per cent | about £1.1 billion in its netphones] and over 26 per cent of the UK digital market," he

Market sources estimate that Orange is currently worth about \$2.1 billion, after taking account of the shareholder loans and about \$450 million of bank debt. The capital will need to be in-

However the original valua tion is based on estimates of market growth and revenue for years ahead. Analysts ex-pect the overall UK mobile 5.3 million subscribers at the end of last year to 16 million investors, partly because of ation and defence group, will European countries.

In ore than 400,000. "We now by 2005, with digital taking an the pathfinder prospectus at the complexity in valuing the retain their existing shares in Mr Snook said Orange had have 7 per cent of the total UK ever-increasing market share. by 2005, with digital taking an

work which, Mr Snook said, now covered about 90 per cent of the population in Great Britain. Within the next few months the group is expected to extend its network to

Northern Ireland, where it is

already acquiring base creased by at least a third to give the public 25 per cept of the enlarged group, raising its worth after flotation to about £2.8 billion.

Hutchison's service providers in France and Germany will be transferred to Orange on flotation. Mr Snook said the French business was the largest independent service provider in France, while the German company ranked

number five in Germany. He said details of a share directors and senior executives would be published in

US fiscal threat to global growth



Edited by Alex Brummer

cumstances tonight's pre-election State of the States would be the opportu-nity for an incumbent firstterm President to lay out his strategy and spending priorities for the next four years. Bill Clinton does not have that luxury: he will speak to Congress and the nation as a shackled person forced by the Republicans to scale back the ations his main priority will be keeping the government run-ning beyond February 15 1996,

when the Treasury's next
\$24.5 billion (216.3 billion)
quarterly interest bill falls due.
The budget uncertainty has
caused some short-term anxiety on the financial markets, where the possibility of a US debt default is too horrible to imagine. But this immediate prospect is outweighed by the knowledge that the US's bud-get arithmetic is changing.

As Mr Clinton's budget chief, Leon Panetta, has acstance has changed from one in which the \$200 billion deficit would stretch way into the next century, to one in which the deficit would be totally eliminated by the end of seven years. The Panetta view is that this will cost the Democrats (and whoever may follow them in the

House) up to \$500 billion of future spending authority.
In effect, this means that discretionary spending, the cash left after paying for government debt, inflation and the rising number of people ties, will be equeezed harder every year. As defence has already taken more than its fair share of cuts, further reductions will come from transenvironment and human

esources programmes. Mr Clinton can promise a great deal in his speech, but the Republicans will no longer let him deliver. Over the longer haul, this means that the shadow of the US budget deficit, which has weakened the credibility of US bonds and the dollar may be removed. Yet the long-term effects of squeezing US fiscal policy so hard could be disas trous not just for American growth but for important trading partners like Britain, where expansion has stalled.

Orange windfall

BRITISH Aerospace can be forgiven for feeling superior just now. Crit-ics who castigated the group for its investment in the mo-bile phone network, Orange once seen as little more than a black hole in BAe's ac-

counts — are having to eat their words. This spring's planned stock market flota-tion is expected to see the repayment of around \$200 million of loans which BAe made to Orange and still leave the company with a stake which could be worth in excess of £700 million.

There is more than Dutch

the troubles at Fokker where Daimler-Benz has refused further financial support. As BAe is quick to acknowledge Fokker has been a formidable rival in the market for BAe by a ratio of two-to-one.

But as BAe will be all too
well aware, the problems at
Fokker are a symptom of the wider difficulties facing the industry. It remains to be seen if they are also part of

Generation game

HE issue of whether Goldman Sachs would partnership status and go public boiled down to simple mathematics. Although chairman Jon Corzine and the other members of Goldman's executive committee fa-voured a flotation, they backed off in the face of strong opposition from the

firm's younger partners. Of the some 174 general annual meeting outside Man-hattan, the younger ones held the balance of power. Some 94 of the 174 partners joined Goldman since 1992. These younger partners have not had the chance to build up their stake in the firm.

Older partners, however, may have amassed stakes worth \$50 million. If Goldman were to fetch two-times book value in a public offering that partner would make \$100 million. A younger partner's stake is more in the range of \$2 million. Hence the

With the weekend decision. the issue of going public ap-pears to have been laid to rest for the next three or four years, unless there is a new financial shock. It was, after all, poor results in 1994 and their capital, which triggered the debate about Goldman's

Mercury rises

ERCURY Asset Management's role in de-ciding the outcome of Granada's £3.8 billion bid for talking point in the run-up to today's lym deadline.

But it has gone largely un-noticed that should Granada succeed in taking over Forte, the hotel group's place in the FTSE 100 could be taken by MAM, which is on the Stock Exchange's "reserve list" of stocks just outside the pre-

mier index.
If Carol Galley and her secure a profit of up to £200 million for MAM's clients — an achievement that could tempt other investors, and perhaps enough to propel Ms Galley's employer straight

Macallan is probably best known for its single malt whis-

ky, The Macallan. Brian Ivory, Highland's chief executive,

said the strategy was to build a

into the FTSE 100.

I spy kids' video camera

Technology Editor

UM'S coming up the stairs. Hide the Gameboy and get on with the home-work." The ultimate in spy cameras for children is about to hit the market later this year, thinly dis-

guised as a toy.

Tyco Toys, the largest US
toy-maker after Hasbro and Mattel, is to launch a video camera costing less than £100, using electronic imag-ing technology developed by Edinburgh-based Vision

the lack of tape in the camera itself. The world they can film is restricted because the camera has to be cause the camera has to be connected by a lead to either a television or a video recorder. And there is no glorious Technicolor — the picture is black and

white. Children bent on misthe camera into a bedroom television and then position it strategically outside the door to give warning of approaching parents. Tyco, which bought the Matchbox discast cars busi-

bitions of would-be movie cluding Sesame Street pre-directors are curtailed by school toys, radio conmaster 3D viewers. A spokeswoman said the group would be unveiling the VideoCam at the British International Toy and Hobby Fair in London next week. The camera will go on sale "in time for the

Christmas market". The key technology behind the camera is a microchip developed in the UK by Vision — for videophones, security cameras and industrial control equipment but made in the Far East.
 Vision, listed on stock

Group.

Matchbox discast cars businarket last April at 97p a

At that price, the camera ness three years ago, sells a has its limitations. The ambroad range worldwide, in shares close 20p up at 237p. lead in the global market.

of success against rival Airbus goes on with \$4bn order

Mark Tran in New York

BOBING yesterday aircraft order when General Electric's aircraft leasing company, GE Capital Avlation, announced a \$4 billion contract to buy as many as

259 passenger aircraft.
The order includes five 777s, the biggest planes in Boeing's inventory, 20 cur-rent models of the 737 and 82 of the next generation of 737s now under development. GE Capital Aviation also obtained options for 152 more of the newest 737s.

The massive order from GE Capital Aviation, one of the world's largest aircraft leasing companies, continues a remarkable run of success for Boeing. The Seattle-based company has now won three out of the last four big aircraft orders. Taiwan, Singapore and Malaysia, which recently ordered \$4 billion worth of aircraft. Boeing also won a part order with Philippine Airlines, with Airbus getting the rest. Boeing was under-standably euphoric at having beaten out Airbus, its archri-

val, yet again this year.
GE Capital Aviation Services said that the agreement will enable the company to buy aircraft across the entire range of the 737 family, one of the best-selling Boeing mod-els. GE Capital will get about 25 planes a year. All the 737s use engines made by CFM International a joint venture of General Electric and France's Specma.

Boeing's 777, which has just started flying, carries more than 350 passengers and is one of the most fuel-efficient planes in the world. But its introduction has been marred by reports over whether the plane has been adequately tested, FAA engine specialists are reportedly worried that the plane could be severely destabilised if a fan blade

Boeing's run Asda chief makes £1.8m profit from share option sale

Pauline Springett

executive of super-market chain Asda, has made a profit of £1.8 million from the sale of part of his holding in the company. The shares had been granted under a share-option scheme at 36p each. Mr Norman sold

them at 110p.
Yesterday, Asda issued a
further tranche of share options to its top executives, including Mr Norman. He received 791,895 at 111.5p each. They become exercis-able on January 22, 1999 and expire on January 31, 2006. A company spokesman said Mr Norman had been forced to sell his shares last Friday because the share-option rules required the value of his holding should not exceed a certain level. Asda's issue of further options had also been timed so as not to flout share option rules.

The spokesman said share options were granted to As-da's top executives "because we contrive, over a long

our calibre of management." Mr Norman now has op-tions over 4.5 million Asda ahares. As well as the latest tranche, he holds 955,895 options granted at 97.5p and ex-ercisable from 1996; 520,328 options granted at 54.5p, half of which are exercisable in July 1997 and the rest the following year, and 2.2 mil-

lion options, granted at 0.1p under a special long-term incentive plan. The ebullient Mr Norman has spearheaded Asda's return to financial health in the face of increasingly fierce competition. A high profile, often controversial figure, he played a key role in last year's demise of the net book agreement, and triggered a review of price maintenance of drugs by the Office of Fair Trading when he announced Asda's move into own-label drugs and vitamins.

Mr Norman also angered

his rivals with Asda's pre-Christmas campaign of accepting promotional vouchers from any of the supermarket

Energy users seek inquiry into generators' activities

ARGE energy users yes-terday called for an investigation into the grip of the two big generators on the wholesale electricity market. The move came as a new challenger to the dominant position of National Power and PowerGen emerged in the form of a £315 million gasfired power station planned by British Gas and Hydro-Electric. Construction of the station, to be owned by joint venture firm Seabank Power, will create 500 jobs at Avon-

mouth, near Bristol. The Energy Intensive Users' Group wants the Mo-nopolies and Mergers Commission to extend its investigation into bids for Southern Electric by National Power

and Midlands Electricity by PowerGen. The group claims the operation of the wholesale electricity market, known as the pool, is the main cause of the high prices which industry has to pay for electricity.

The Government wants the inquiry completed by the end of March so it does not delay privatisation of the nuclear

industry.
Seabank, a 755MW station.
will begin operation from late 1998, supplying electricity to Hydro-Electric as part of the firm's drive to increase its 3 per cent share of the English and Welsh market which is open to full competition from that year. Seabank will take gas from British Gas and Hy-

Highland Distilleries buys stake in Macailan-Glenlivet

Pauline Springett

IGHLAND Distilleries, maker of Famous Grouse whisky blend, has bought a 28 per cent stake in rival Macal-lan-Glenlivet for £46.6 mil-lion. French distiller Remy Cointreau was the seller. The sale was hinted at last week when Remy said it was negotiating to dispose of some peripheral businesses to help reduce its debt. That announcement followed an un-expected 55 million loss at the half-year stage. Remy said yesterday that the sale of the Macallan stake represented a significant part of this debt

reduction programme.

Highland bought 30.6 million shares at 152.5p. That was below Friday's 178p closing share price, analysts said it was quite a full price be-cause the purchase would dilute Highland's earnings.

portfolio of premium brands, either owned outright or as a stake, around Famous Grouse. Highland has distributed The Macallan in Britain since 1994, and it uses the mait for blending. Although Highland already has a selection of malt whiskies, The Macallan out-sells these with annual worldwide sales of between 150,000 and 175,000 cases. Mr Ivory said the changing whisky market meant that stake would give Highland Highland sells around 2.25

Grouse worldwide a year, just for blended whisky is still fairly static in the mature markets of the US and Europe.

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Dutch fury as 7,800 workers face lay-offs



Help us please . . . The notice at the security gate says it all as workers walk past a Fokker 100 model in the foyer at the planemaker's Amsterdam

Germans pull out of Fokker

Bark Milo

desperately seeking to rescue at least Daimler-Benz refused to stump up any more money for the ailing aircraft maker.

The German industrial the Dutch government to put giant, which is Fokker's conrolling shareholder, anvide financial support following the breakdown of talks with the Dutch govern-ment over the terms of a joint That left the government

facing the prospect of the biggest industrial shutdown in the country's history, with contingency plans reportedly being made to lay off the 7,800

with other industrial part-ners, that parts of Fokker could actually survive," the Dutch Minister of Economic Affairs, Hans Wijers, pledged

Daimler-Benz chairman Jürgen Schrempp said earlier that his company had asked (2520 million) as its share of the effort to keep Fokker affoat, but this had not been forthcoming.

"The decision doesn't lie with us anymore. It remains be made by the necessary Fokker bodies and the Dutch government," Mr Schrempp said yesterday.

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plants. "We will do every-thing we can do to see whether there is a possibility, with other industrial part-thet was being asked to bear all the risk of

financial support comes after two years in which Fokker, whose founder Anthony Fok-ker once built fighters for the Red Baron. Manfred von Richthofen, has struggled to stay alive. In February 1994, it laid off almost 2,000 workers and cut another 2,000 jobs at the end of that year, which also saw a cash injection from Daimler-Benz and the Dutch government, which is the second largest shareholder

after the German company.

Last autumn, Fokker announced record first-half osses of 651 million guilders, forcing the company to approach Daimler-Benz and the government for further sup-port which has, eventually, proved not to be forthcoming.

The largest Dutch trade union federation reacted ancision. FNV chairman Johan Stekelenburg said he was 'deeply disappointed at the lack of collective will to prop up Fokker. I take it very badly that apparently no one eems to be in a position to give aid to an industrial sectant, not least for the future

employment structure in this country," he said.

CNV, the second biggest union in the Netherlands. called Daimler-Benz's deci sion to withdraw financial aid to Fokker a "black day" in Dutch industry. "We are shocked and furious at both Daimler-Benz and the Dutch government," said CNV

spokesman Jan Immerzeel. Mr Wijers said last night that the participation of industrial partners would be an ssential condition in any attempt to save parts of Fokker. "There is also the question of whether there are any interested parties that actually want to commit themselves to

ruch a future," he added. Two companies which have been linked with Fokker are the Canadian company Bom-bardier and British Aerospace. Bombardier is reported to have denied having any talks with Fokker, while BAe would say only that it was "monitoring" the situation.

Brutally direct the rescue operation. Yesterday's decision to halt financial support comes after Schrempp puts profits first

Outlook

Mark Milner

almost brutal in its direct-"Profitability in all fields of business is the first priority of the group; any strategies which do not unequivocally support that pri-ority are unacceptable." Fokker, the Dutch aircraft

manufacturer controlled by Daimler's aerospace subsid-iary, Dasa, is already feeling the fall-out from Mr Schrempp's hard-nosed ap-proach. The flow of cash from Stuttgart to Schipol, which has kept Fokker affort, has

This decision and the philosophy behind it underline the changes under way at Daimler, Germany's biggest industrial grouping. A few years ago former chairman, Edzard Reuter, was trumpet-ing his achievement in buildproup, intern of it inness to transport. Trains, cars and planes, you might say, through, respectively, AEG, Mercedes and an aerospace arm which threatened to be come Europe's top gun in the

Fokker represented a key part of the Daimler aerospace strategy. The German group bought a controlling stake in the Duich company in 1993, after mopping up most of Ger many's domestic aerospace capacity. But Fokker had not been finding life easy for

Over the last few years it has been hit by the perticular economics of the civil avia-tion industry. Sales are priced in dollars but Fokker's costs accrue in Dutch guil-ders which have appreciated

Dasa's ambitions have been scaled back and now centre on its 39 per cent stake in Air bus Industrie, the joint ven ture with British Aerospace France's Aerospatiale and Spain's Casa, which builds big commercial jet-liners.

Daimler has already said that it would like a partner for the small Dornier turbo prop business and now Fokker has

business and now Fokker has been abandoned to its fats.

Daimler made it clear yesterday the company would like to see Airbus develop its product range by building both bigger and smaller aircraft — but it is hard to see how it could move down the model range without competing against existing BAe and Aerospatiale aircraft.

As the European industry evolves on less national lines than hitherto, Dasa may find

than hitherto, Dasa may find it has less clout than it seemed to wield even a faw months ago. Europe will not have to join Dasa, rather Dasa will have to find a way of fitting in with the others. As one analyst put it last night,

asa's strategy is "in tatters" Fokker is not the only problem area where Daimler has lopted a radical approach. Its AEG white goods-to-trains business has been restructured, with loss-making bits sold off and the remainder merged into Daimler. Mr Schrempp reckons 80 per cent of Daimler's operations are profitable. The remainder must not be allowed to impede our overall perfor-

is high. AEG has cost Daimler a one-off charge of DM1.5 billion (£670 million). The decision to cut off support to Fok-ker will cost another DM2.3 billion. All in all, Daimler reckons its operating loss for 1995 will come in at a very hefty DM6 billion.

Mirror float inquiry could lead to charges

Dan Atkinson

RESH criminal charges could arise from the government investigation Robert Maxwell's flotation of Mirror newspapers, the Department of Trade and confirmed. Industry

The inquiry's findings could be used by regulators and professional bodies as a basis for disciplinary action against the top-name City advisers that helped with the spring 1991 share sale.

These included merchant bank Samuel Montagu. auditors Coopers & Lybrand and solicitors Linklaters & Paines and Clifford Chance, the firm for which the director of the Serious Fraud Office, George Staple, used to

The report could provide the DTI with evidence to take to court and ask for participants in the Mirror sale to be

Two inspectors — John Thomas QC and Raymond Turner of accountants Neville June 1992 to investigate the affairs of the Mirror group with particular regard to the share offer. The trial of Kevin and Ian Maxwell and financial adviser Larry Trachten-

berg — which lasted eight months and culminated last week in unanimous not-guilty verdicts — delayed the in-spectors work, which has

They are charged with investigating an area of the Maxwell affair separate from the pension-fund shortfalls that formed the basis of the SFO inquiry. Aspects of Robert Maxwell's flotation of 49 per cent of the Mirror group for £246.5 million had been the service of the mirror street to the service of the mirror group for £246.5 million had been the service of the ser for £245.5 million had been thought to be suspect, but the SFO did not have the resources to investigate the matter itself.

Attorney-General Sir Nicholas Lyell defended the SFO against criticism of its handling of the Maxwell trial. He said: "This case was investigated with what I think indegenerally regarded as great skill. It was prosecuted with great professionalism, en-tirely fairly ... That is British

Labour MP Tony Banks told Sir Nicholas: "I think the House is entitled to ask you what's going on inside the SFO ... Are they incompe-SFO ... Are they incompe-tent? Or is it that white-collar it? My own gut feeling is that the Maxwell brothers are about as innocent as OJ

No let-up in the building gloom

Pauline Springett

dustry faces another dif-ficult year made worse limited room for manoeuvre
— will not help our industry
and can only exacarbate the cording to the Royal Institu-tion of Chartered Surveyors.

economic situation." The construction industry has never recovered from the A RICS report, which looks at the construction industry's workload for the last quarter of 1995, shows it down 0.5 per cent compared to the previ in workload levels for the first quarter of 1996 remains low, although expectations for the year as a whole have improved compared to those of the third quarter. The report said this suggests the total workload would be little changed over the year.
The overall impres

one of varying prospects. Some firms reported improved conditions while others reported that the work-load situation was critical."

the report said, S1.78 billion, slightly higher Richard Houghton, a RICS spokesman, said: "The survey £1.73 billion.

last recession when it lost 500,000 jobs. The RICS warned recently that the industry was set to shed another 100,000 jobs by the end of 1997. By contrast, the UK commercial property sector has enjoyed a relative return to prosperity. Overseas buyers, particularly German compa-

reflects the political uncer-tainty facing the country over

the next few months. The

prospect of a hung Parliament

and a Government with

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nies, have shown a keen in terest in investing in UK com-mercial property in recent A survey by property advi-sers DTZ Debenham Thorpe shows that overseas investment in UK commercial property in 1995 totalled £1.78 billion, slightly bigher

News in brief

Toyota to export outside the EU

TOYOTA will this year start to export vehicles produced at its Burnaston plant in Derbyshire to outside the European Union area, the company announced yesterday. Toyota is already exporting 17,000 UK-made engines to Turkey and 36,000 engine

exporting 17,000 UK-made engines to Turkey and 36,000 engine block and crankshaft sets to Japan.

The company also said that Burnaston production last year reached 86,000 vehicles. The plant is being expanded to turn out 200,000 units, including a new model, by 1998. Altogether.

Toyota said, 58 per cent of Toyota vehicles sold outside Japan last year were made at factories abroad, a 10 per cent increase on the previous year. This is all part of the company's plans to diversify and localise its production outside high-cost Japan. — Kevin Rofferty in Tokya Japan. — Kevin Rofferty in Tokyo

USAir back in the black

USAIR, British Airways' struggling American partner, reversed a six-year run of losses yesterday when it reported a \$119.3 million (£79.5 million) profit for 1995. One of the biggest loss makers in the US airline industry in recent years, USAir ended 1995 on a strong note with a fourth quarter profit of \$60.3 million, slightly above Wall Street expectations. USAir last enjoyed a profitable year in 1988 and has lost \$3 billion between 1988 and 1994, hampered by one of the highest cost structures in the US airline business, a fact noted in USAir's statement.

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BA will be following Mr Wolf's progress closely. It was forced to write off half of its \$400 million investment in USAir to acquire a 24.6 per cent stake in the company. — Mark Tran in New York

Menzies profits slump

JOHN Menzies, the newspaper wholesaler and retail chain, yesterday unveiled a 48 per cent slump in half-year pre-tax profits at 53.8 million. Group managing director Ranald Noel-Paton said the shortfall was part of the one-off costs of restructuring the company's distribution operation. The revamp will take another year to complete after which time profits should start to recover. He acknowledged that wholesale margins, which have shrunk as a result of the industry shake-up, would remain that

BANKS have robbed savers of billions of pounds over the past 10 years, according to the Bradford & Bingley Building Society. It savers would be £24 billion worse off since 1996 if they had put their money into banks instead of building societies.

The society said that money left in banks had earned an average 1.38 per cent less in interest than savings kept in a building society. John Wrigglesworth, B&B's head of communications, said in reference to the wave of societies in the proper than

cations, said in reference to the wave of societies turning them-selves into banks: "While conversion can give customers a one-off fast buck, it will be at the expense of less competitive savings rates over the longer term." — Cliff Jones



German steelworkers in Duisburg yesterday carry a mock coffin in protest against an Increase from 54 to 57 years in the threshold for early retirement Photograph: MCMAL URBAN

SAFETY NOTICE Kohl tackles jobs crisis

lan Traynor on the Bonn summit

designed to chart escape from rising tide of defeatism

ONFRONTED by soaring unemployment, a battery of troubling economic indicators, and a burgeoning welfare crisis, Chancellor Helmut Kohi today launches a belated attempt to drag Germany out of a downward spiral of sluggishness and pessimism.

At a jobs summit in Bonn, Mr Kohi is to bost employers and union officials, bankers and regional leaders to try to knock heads together and chart a way out of the rising tide of defeatism grupping German economic life.

ring foreign investment in

Germany; the highest wages.

The problems are daunting: memployment that will soon cross the 4 million pain bar-rier, the steepest labour and production costs in Europe causing German business to

shortest working bours, long-est holidays, and most gener-ous retirement and unemployment provision; an overvalued German mark burting competitiveness in crucial export markets; and a heavily regulated business environment buffeted by the winds of globalisation.

It adds up to a deep-seated structural crisis in Germany's market economy" and the problems are being made worse by the constraints on public spending required to cut deficits to make the grade for the single European currency by the end of next year.

The government is to un-veil its blueprint to boost growth and create jobs when t releases its economic report for 1996 at the end of the month. It is expected to table a 50-point scheme today, proposing to cut income and business taxes by the end of the century and to compensate for them by abolishing

tax privileges. The government spokesman, Peter Hausmann, yes-terday denied that Mr Rohl would compensate for the tax cuts by adding a point to the 15 per cent VAT rate.

The centrepiece of today's meeting is the radical proposal by IG Metall, the giant engineering union, to forego real wage rises from next year in return for the creation of more than 300,000 jobs over the next three years. Mr Kohl is broadly sympathetic to the idea, but the devil is in the details.

The head of Gesammetall

the engineering employers' organisation that is both IG Metall's adversary and partner, Werner Stumpfe, ridi-culed the union's job creation thinking, stating he would be happy to reduce the rate of job losses but seeing little cha of boosting employment.
While the union demande

the creation of 100,000 jobs in the engineering sector this year, Mr Stumple said the best that could be hoped for would be to half the job losses from 100,000 to 50,000. Both sides have agree

however, on pay rates 10 per cent lower than minimum agreed wages for long-term unemployed taken off the dole, while the employers spum as "completely unreal istic" a union proposal that overtime be unpaid and taken ead in increased time off.

he acknowledged that wholesale margins, which have shrink as a result of the industry shake-up, would remain tight.

The group's nursery toys and clothes retail chain, Early Learning Centre, is under pressure from competitors and Mr Noel-Paten said its margins would probably decrease. However, more shops are likely to be opened. Mr Noel-Paten also said that the important Christmas trading period — not included in this set of results — had been disappointing. That was despite the boost given to book sales by last year's abandonment of the net book agreement. — Pauline Springett Banks rob savers of billions BANKS have robbed savers of billions of pounds over the past 10

Dream team dreams on

PROMISE you one thing," said Alex Murphy, Warrington's new football executive. "John Doraby will come back to haunt Wigan." Murphy must hope that those words do not come back to haunt

him.

Dorahy, a fine stand-off with Hull KR in the Eightles, was the man sacked as coach by Wigan only hours after he had led the side to victory over Leeds in the Challenge Curfinal of 1004 Cup final of 1994.

That was the fifth successive season the club had achieved the league and cup double. But it was not enough to save the Australian. His fate had already been decided

derspool. He represents one

Tomlinson moves to Bulls

ing an equal opportunity to play first-team football. Murphy said that no Warsain that no war-rington players would be shown the exit, all would have the chance to prove their worth, but it was his ambition

to bring in experienced players of the highest class.

"We will not be competing for second-best players, we will be competing for the very best. If we cannot get the best, and the race out of the race. we will drop out of the race but will be in the bidding the next time round."

Murphy, who has been out of the game for almost two years, was full of praise for some of the youngsters on the books such as lestyn Harris, Paul Sculthorpe and Lee Penny.

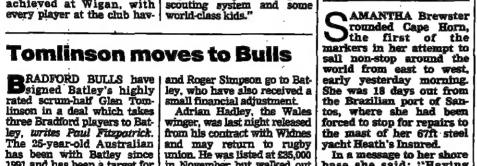
"But they are only kids. They are apprentices, and apprentices should learn from Now Dorahy is back, not a million miles from Central Park, as head coach at Wilpresent. The youngsters have been carrying the senior pro-fessionals along. It should be

derspool. He represents one half of a "dream team" in whom Warrington have invested their Super League hopes after the resignation of Brian Johnson this month.

The Wigan chapter, one of the "sour" points of his career, is now history so far as Dorahy is concerned. It was, he said, his aim to create task. They have got a big start was, he said, his aim to create | task. They have got a big start at Warrington the sort of "level playing field" he had achieved at Wigan, with every player at the club have world-class kids."







recent round-the-world voyage: Brewster's route, which has been replanned and will take her back to Santos via Ushant, has been carefully monitored by the ley, writes Paul Fitzpairick.
The 25-year-old Australian and may return to rugby sacht Heath's Insured.
has been with Batley since union. He was listed at £35,000 In a message to her shore in November but walked out several leading clubs.

World Sailing Speed Record Council from the outset.
In a radio-telephone call when she was 50 miles from the rocky outcrop at the bot-

started. It's as if from October 29 to now has been from the 10-minute gun to the starting gun. The race has only just begun."

AMANTHA Brewster rounded Cape Horn, the first of the markers in her attempt to sall non-stop around the world from east to west.

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knots. It was a foretaste of what she can expect for the best part of the next three months as she battles across the Southern Ocean. Brewster, who has covered 2,500 miles, faces 80 days of loneliness, broken only by her radio reports bome, before her next landRacing

1,835-1 treble takes Maguire to half-century

DRIAN MAGUIRE reached his half-century in spectacular style at Warwick yesterday when riding a 1,835-1 treble. He moved onto the 50 mark prove too good for Mouse when Diamond Fort landed Bird, who appears the main the Agincourt Handicap threat. Chase to give John McConno- The l chie his first training success of the season.

Magnire had waited pa-tiently before sending the doughty stayer past Distinctive to score by three and a half lengths. "Adrian rode this horse last season, but I don't think he's had a winner this horse last season, but I
don't think he's had a winner
for me before. He's done it
perfectly."
said
sood third to the well handi-McConnochie.

Maguire set the ball rolling when Chicodari, watched by his 95-year-old owner, Briga-dier Roscoe Harvey, came good in the Crecy Juvenile

pointing effort at Sandown Maguire rounded off the

shot Rainham in the Waterloo Handicap Hurdle. "He's not he?," joked winning trainer Ginger McCain. "This horse needed this as he'd lost his bottle a bit after two falls." Maguire could well repeat the treble feat at Leicester today with Boss's Bank, Rolfe and Twice A Night, All three

ner of both his bumper races,

great deal of winning and Rolfe is napped to improve on his promising debut run ear-lier this month.

Placed on the Flat in New

Zealand, Rolfe (1.30) chased home Ashwell Boy and Mack The Knife at Ascot and should

The Daniel Lambert Handicap Hurdle is a most compe-titve affair and an argument can be made for most of the runners. The race looks sure to be run at a good pace and this would certainly suit Twice A Night (3,30).

capped Preenka Girl in heavy ground at Lingfield last month.

At Market Rasen, Hatcham Boy (1.40) should have the measure of the opposition in Novice Hurdle.

Equipped with blinkers for the first time, the gelding easily beat Hamilton Silk to make amends for a disaption of the first time. The fluent victory at Kemptonia in the fluen with a fluent victory at Kempton on Saturday.

Jack O'Donoghue, the 88-

year-old trainer, has an-nounced his retirement. "I bad that Adrian Maguire is will not have any more runners and I thought I would call it a day on a winner," said the Reigate trainer. "My last winner was Myjinka on the all-weather at Lingfield on January 6 and I have not had

a runner since.
The highlight of his career are trained by David Nicholson, who should also be on target at Market Rasen with Hatcham Boy.

Boss's Bank (1.00), a win-wins of Hello Mister in the last two runnings of the Port-

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2.00 (2m 6f Holis)-1, CARRELL'S JOY, R Dunwoody (14-1); 2, Elles Diskis (3-1); 3, George Tote: (12-7); 22.0, (13-0), George Tote: (12-7); 22.0, (13-0), Dual P C20,40, CSF: £55,91, Trio: £12.00, NR:

2.30 (2an 1 10 year Chip 1, Emphal MESS, T Descombs (13-1); 2, Receiving Rain (7-2 fav); 3, Provident People (5-1), 10 ran. 20, d. (C Popharm) Tote: 120.70; 52.40, 51.40, 51.30. Dual P: 225.10, CSP: £51.50. Tricest 1221.75. Trice 127.50.

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Mark Brown (7)
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Tric: 127.90.
3.00 (Sup 2f 110yels Ch): 1, SESTER STEPHANIE, R Dunwoody (4-8 tay): 2, Court Baledy (11-4); 3. Becarrepaire (9-1), 5 ran. 8, dist. (Nrs M McCourt) Toes: 11.30; 11.10, 11.50. Dual F; 11.50. CSF; 12.84. 1.30 (200 34 Hotels: 1, 67 VILLE, 8 Powell (11-2); 2, Janiel (7-1); 3, 1/2 Not by Fault (8-1), 4-1 toy Montagnard, 11 ran, Sht, 20. (8 Buckley) Tota: 25.30; 21.60, 23.00, 23.20, Dust P. 27.50, CSP. C42.72, Tricest: 23.884, Trior 277.40. 4.00 (2m 5/ 110yds Ch): 1, TERAO, D

Bridgwater (5-1); 2, Bronoblabili Buck (7-2) It lavi; 3, Pup Score (15-2), 7-2 it lav Super Tactics, 8 ran. 5, ind. (M Pips) Toter £8.40; £1.10, £2.00, £1.80. Dual F. Ex.00. CSF: £1.57. Tricast £117.36. NR: Mapte Dancer. 4.30 (Res. 1f Piette 1, SUTHERLAND) MOSS, R. Massey (11-4 fav); 2, Lord Modificarough (6-1); 3, Pariceanto (7-2), 15 ran. 28, 5; D Nicholson) Toter £3.80; £1.10, £2.90, £1.90. Dual F. £23.80. CSF: £21.75. Trics £13.80. NR: Botgrove Man. OMADPOTI £15.90.

O-S SMALLOW RIVER (18) R Collen 3-11-5

SHEEMS FIRST, (14) (15) B Hobbston 5-11-5

SHEEMS FIRST, (14) (15) B Hobbston 5-11-5

21-5-80 MELLOW RIVER (15) B Hobbston 7-11-5

21-5-80 WELZDO (8) 8 Pasting 6-11-6

O-COMMANDERS (65) R Rowsell 7-11-1

30-F FARLEYER ROSE (65) R Rowsell 7-11-1

P MILLIANNELL (18) Mrs S Brannill 7-11-1

D-SD PARADORS (NOCK (28) R ROW 6-11-1

O SEYMOUR DREAMS (49) A JAMES 7-11-1

TOP POWER TIPS: What's Your Story B, Silk Word 7, Mr K

Bettingt 3-1 What's Your Story, 4-1 SHk Word, 6-1 Mr Karpel, 8-1 All On, Arithmetic, Shadow River, 10-1 Circus Line, River Threat. ### Black (7-2 | Railban (9-2), 12 ran. 5, 35. (D Nicholson)
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A Tory Br A Brown (7) Mr K Whelm (5)



Phil Hardwick, Dave Turpin him contract payments.	like I have only just tom of South America she				
Leicester with form for the Jackpot races					
1.00 Bose's Bank 2.30 Strike-A-Pose	PORES GOVINE - LONG GLESHVARIA: Chased junders, outpassed 3 aut, lapt on, 3rd of 9 finishers, bin 35 to				
1.90 HOLFE (sup) 2.00 Remohamp Grace	Viaggio (6cutive) 2m, Ge). KHSPS ROSE: In claimer last time whose always behind, 15th of 16 Snishnes, bio over 50 to Robine Price				
2.00 Cines Of Hisalytwo 3.30 Ywlon A Might 4.00 SR: Word	Milleranton 2m, Gd-SM.				
Too and Ages	STREET-POSE Needed race on responsessor when headway 5 cut, not much leaders, 367 Sin of 1' Snishers to Distant Home, with TOUCH SILVER (res 485), sheeps to rear, distance 7th and with DRUMDONNA				
The state of the s	[risc Stb], backward, in truch until weakened approaching 5 out, pulled up before read (Lefounter 2m, Hyr) sol, Sci of 15 felichers, bits 270 to Handlen Str. (Bengor-Co-Dee 2mtl, Sd). sol, Sci of 15 felichers, bits 270 to Handlen Str. (Bengor-Co-Dee 2mtl, Sd).				
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191 5-612 DIVENTIMENTO (46) (CD) (MP).) Macide 5-11-11	THE TITAL GHOST: Headed race on responsition in hundless burdle when telected of when putied up after 4 out to race won by Dominia blockinghum 3x88, GG-80; . KIRD PERSONA Prominest shall weakneed after 4 out on latest seen when 7th of 15 finishers, bin 381 is				
108 11 BORS'S BANK (18) D Nicholson 6-11-6 A Magnine	Highbank (November 2m, Gd).				
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108 #5 CARDONAL HULE (12) J Edwards 7-11-5 Toursely	3.00 BF TATTERSALLS (DELAND) MARKET HOUSE COLUMN 5-41 (10)/4: C3,111				
106 CALDER (2001) Eyrs 5-11-5 A P McCoy 106 SC CARDEAL HUX 133) Events 7-11-5 B Demonstry 107 33-038 HULLECATE (42) C Weader 5-11-5 J October 4 106 D VAYVARISH WAY (10) N Headerson 5-11-5 B A Playeraid	501 2237-13 SEAUCHAEF GRACE (18) (D) Mrs S Bramel 7-11-4				
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106 MRSS TUT 1 BH 5-15-0 J Builton 110 SB WOOTEN THE WART (24.0) F Jorden 5-11-0 J Lodder 111 444 COOK STEEL (19.1) Man 3 Stown 4-10-7 B Complete (19)	SOR DOOR OF DEATH IS CHARGED IN SA McContinuity S. 40, 49				
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112 OS FANTASTIC FLEET (10) Max 4 5 Doyle 4-10-7	SOS 20-F40 TANGERGALE (19) N Tojskop Daviss 7:10-12 C Livesitys				
116 P030- MEYOND THE STARS (2021) G R Smith 5-11-5	and the same and t				
TOP FORM TIPE: Divertiscionio B, Inschipto 7, Boston Bob 6	TOP FORESTIFFE Second Call St. Secondary Grace 7, Pearl's Choice 8 Notice 11-4 Second Call St. Secondary Grace 4-1 Secondary St. Tennesia.				
Betting: 6-4 Boan's Bank, 4-1 Divertiseleno, 6-1 Inculosie, 8-1 Buster Bob, 10-7 Calder King, Cardinal Risks, 12-1 Migs Tet, 16-1 Worth The Walt, Funtsello Fines.	Bettings 11-4 Second Call, 3-1 Besuchamp Grace, 4-1 Martin's Daughter, 5-1 Teo Shirp, 6-1 Terrergain, 10-1 Pearl's Choice.				
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on, won by 21 from Bramley May, 17 ray (Tonscaster 2m, S2).	PLYMITS GITTLE in novice hardle last time when falled off when palled up before 2 and in race won by Ser				
BUSYING BODE Fier effort on burdles debut last time when in touch, every phance trost 4 but, one pace from next, 4th of 11 finishers, but 58 to 63 Rubio (Heydock 3m, SR).	More Beatress, 16 ras (Chepstow 2m42, Gd-62). MARTRAYS DAUGHTTEN Odds on last time when in louse and intention and weathings 2 set, 3rd of 5, bin 40				
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1.30 CROXTON PARK NOVICE REPOLE (Pir 2) 2m 22,790	Durrius (Miscepton 2mil. GASII).				
201 4/210-12 MOUNE BIRD (59) D Gandello 5-11-11 Removedy	SECOND CARLE Not jump well lest time when headway halfway, jumped slowly 7 cet, no chance after, 7th of 11 disherer, bit. 45 to Jobber the Kibber (Barwick Zon45, Gd-58). 7344888848128 Forming well lest time until best missible do set, soon lost place, balled off the oil 15 lieisthms.				
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304 (5 BRIGHT HOVERINGER (3) Mrs H Parroll 5-11-5 Schroll (3)	r oan gwer 40 as Decembe procungrum 3mer, Go-679. I TOO SHAAR? Not seen out over hundige sings Pecember 1984 when led approaching 40s will after 2 out.				
206 SUSSIG- PRONTAGER (\$19) C Eperior 6-11-5 Deborno	cased when the Bal, Bib of 15 finishers, bin 121 to Luctioniba Days (Hersford 2mil, Gd-SR).				
2006 S. BRIGHET MOVEMENTS (25) May H Parrol 5-11-5 S. Carran (2)	3.30 DAMES LANGUET HANDICAP HURDLE 2m of 110min 52,444				
209 3 BOLFE (10) D Nicholson 5-11-5 A Reputer 2:10 D-20 SERTON STREAM (695 G Yardiny 6-11-5 D Nicho (59 2:11 LU CALL (66 PLASH (17) Mrs P Sty 4-10-7 S Holfelli	SO! 159-G1 SECRET FOUR (61) (D) Mrs & Williams 10-12-0				
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212 0 KEEN TO THE LAST (47) M Hammond 4-10-7	803 4049/-4 DERAE (17) S Sherrood 10-11-9 S Sherrood 10-11-9 S Sherrood 10-11-9 S Shellett				
211 UD CALL ME PLASH (47) Mrs P Sty 4-10-7	601 153-53 SECRET FOUR (61) (27) Mrs S Williams 10-13-0 A Tory (62) 27/910-1 SERF-LY (40) (07) McCoven 7-11-11 AP RECOVEN 602 27/910-1 SERF-LY (40) (07) McCoven 7-11-10 Deberse 604 42522 SOW'S 17 SOW (63) W Mrs 5-11-6 S Bellett 605 255-FO VASSLEW (40) (07) S Colleges 5-11-7 S R Descreeds 15-20 McGR (17) P Richest 5-11-6 S For (27) McG				
TOP PORM THE Rolls S. Mouse Sird 7, Keen To The Leat 6 Button 7-4 Point, 1-1 Mouse Sird, 6-1 Protoger, 8-1 Buttoroja, Levici Love, 18-1 Keen To The Leat.14	607 HP2-905 GRACE CARD (14) R Roothouse 10-11-6 D Colleges 4 808 HP2-905 GRACE CARD (14) R Roothouse 10-11-6 D Colleges 4 809 HP2-905 GRACE CARD (14) R Roothouse 10-11-6 D Colleges 4				
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FORM GUIDS - MOUSE MEETS Ren well in Grade 2 event last time when 4th when mistake 2 cust, ran do one	805 (15-17) VASILARY (10) (C) (D) 8 Golfings 5-(1-7) R. Dommendy + 25-20 MAGES (17) P. Richers 5-(1-4) S. Far (3) STACE CARD (14) R. Richers 10-(1-5) D. Golfinghor + 25-205 GRACE CARD (14) R. Richers 10-(1-5) D. Golfinghor + 25-205 GRACE CARD (14) R. Richers 7-(1-4) D. O'Richers 10-(1-5) D. Golfinghor + 25-205 GRACE (10) R. Richers 7-(1-4) D. O'Richers 10-(1-5) D. Richers 10-(1-5) D.				
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LANGUL LOVE Showed provide lest time when behind until stayed on from 5 cut, 5th of 15 finishers, bin 24 to Serious (Utposeter 2m, Gd-Frd).	#12 62/906/- CORRCO (#24) R Philips 9-11-0				
ROLLIES: Promising debut when headway 3 ast, one pace from 2 ast, set 3rd of 12 metable to Asianad Bay	914 2/45P15- COUNTRY STORE (372) A Jones 7-10-13S Corres (3)				
(Aucot 2mil), Stil.	616 10341-0 OMR SLINERIDOR (36) (B) A Carroll 6-10-12 Powell 616 52(P10)- MAKES ME GOORY (844) Mts McKe 6-10-6 L Herroy				
2.00 BANKET HANDICAP CHASE In CO.236	#14 24275 COUNTRY STORE (272) A Jones 7-10-13 S Cores (3) #15 10411-0 OWN \$4.000000 (272) A Jones 7-10-13 S Cores (3) #15 10411-0 OWN \$4.000000 (272) A Jones 7-10-13 S Cores (3) #16 10411-0 OWN \$4.000000 (272) A CORE 7-10-12 B Powell #17 1027-29 AROLUMSA RAY (74) (3) J. (6) From 7-7 R Dente #18 5267-22 MELTERRYY (12) (67) Mrs P Sty 7-10-6 R Ministry #19 10411-0 OWN \$4.0000000 (12) AROLUMSA RAY (74) (3) J. (6) F Sty 7-10-6 R Ministry #19 10411-0 OWN \$4.000000000000000000000000000000000000				
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302 143-000 SYLVER DARGENT (20) J Peromingo 7-12-0 A PileCoy	819 19552- BARGERTY (658) May K Whitehouse 5-10-5 C Lieuwillyn (650-45 VISCOURT TULLY (17) C Lebason 11-10-4 W Hamphrays 221 (22-75) TOPOTRESOCRIBACIDE (13) P Beaumart 5-10-2 R Supple				
304 PSPP-PO SMION JOSEPH (11) (3) T George 9-11-0	TOP PORES TIPS: Secret Four G, Hollagelty 7, Twies A Hight 5				
374 123-12 PERSONAL PROSE (19) M HERMONI 9-11-2	Betting: 7-1 Neitegrity, 8-1 Secret Four, How's H Goln, 10-1 Denth, Skepty, Twice A Hight, Flat Bob, 12-1 Lead Vocalist, 14-1 Biolograms.				
307 U47U-FI TWO STEP REYTHE (17) / MCCOMOGNI T2-71-1	POPER CARDIE - SECRET FOURS First run for new stable last time when change leader, the when left is lead				
209 422-311 IRSH GENT (19) P Beauty Ct. 10-11-0	tack, can me, won by 't'll from Greed Appleuse, 8 mp (Tauston 2mSS), Gd).				
ALL CARLO I PREMIUR PER I Hallong R-10-0	SHEPLY: Wed riction to make full use of his squares on intent start when made most, sistend on well, won by 21 from Mr Monterry, 5 can (Boothwell 2m, Gd).				
312 44(28) VICTORY ANTHERS (34) P C5/88 10-10-6 PRINTERS (5)	DISTAIN Fait well on reappearance when beathery halfway, one page from 3 cut, 2014b of 21 finishers to Buckhouse Boy, with VISCOUNT TULLY (rec 16th), needed race, never nearer, 4011th (Warwick 2xx46, 8th.				
PROPERTY (7)	LEAD VOCALIST: Held up and pulled hard lest time when handway 4 ces, led 2 cel, handed and ac exira				
915 PG-103 CARLHONORD BELLE (50) J Nacdam 10-10-0	ron-in, sijn of 8 finishers, hin 31 to Tour Lauder (Taumon Smill, Gd). QUID SEMBERHOOTH Always is reer, 11th of 15 finishers, bin 171 to Colifbate (Haydock 2m, Gd).				
many water, colors of Manhaten S. Killiam Creat 7, Irish Soul S.	<u> AMDLUSSA BAY: Diseppointed lest time when close up upil ridges and bin after 3 out, soon pulled up in </u>				
Bettings 3-1 Class Of Neatybeo, 5-7 Killinsy Cross, Irish Gast, 5-1 Pecnine Pride, Victory Antheos, 10-1 Sylver Dargart. 13-1 Andres Prices.	Faces woo by Better Times Ahead (Ays Smit), GG, NEELTERRETT His run well foots starts this season, leat time in touch catif led after 4 out, besided 2 out, one pace, 82 and of 13 Brishners to Owens Gusse, with TOPOTHERORTHRACING (not 86), saddle stipped, led 4				
and the same of the company of the same of	pace, it 2nd of 13 finishers to Owens Cuset, with TOPOTHEMORTHRACING (rec 8tb), strolle slipped, led 4 out, econ headed, kept on, 68 and (firetherby 2m48, 55)				
Resent Institute of the Market Field, 5 par (Lection Sm., Gul-Fin). ARCHAEL PRINCES Well bits less time when behind until norm has handway, less poor and 2 out, and u 5					
	4.00 STONESSY HONCE HURBLE 2m # 110/4 23,225				
SAMPLE TWOKE OF HIGH SELL COLUMN DEST OF PARTY PARTY PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE P	4 40-510 COOL REFREER (10) (IV) STORY (17) D Hickotoon 7-11-12				
	2 193-Rt WHART'S YOUR STORY (17) D Richatton 7-11-12 A Bayeline 2 355 ALL ON (16) J Hoberton 5-11-7 D Byrne 4 (0.54 ARTHMETIC (16) May J Plumen 6-11-6 W Berraton 5 ON BALLEYS MINDOIS (12) May S Bramet 5-11-6 J Barton				
And of 4 Religious, plus Sil to Michiga (Ludious Sts. Gd). And of 4 Religious, plus Sil to Michiga (Ludious Sts. Gd). CARL MICHORD BELL III: Fair often feet lines when promisent until left in lead 12th, braded 3 cut, can pace.	6 O BALLEYS BREDGE (12) May S Branch 5-11-6 J Burks				
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2 out, 121 dft (Lediow Sm., Gd-Fm). WILLIN MAKENT: Chased leader, tept on from 5 out, not reach wherer, 2nd of 5, bit. 4 by Copires (Southwell	5 Styl- James is Special (689) R Strongs 5-11-6				
2m4; Gd;	10 8-4023 MR MERRAT (12) A.J. Wilson (-) 1-5				
2.30 TROOK CONDITIONAL JOCKETY SELLING HANDICAP HUROLE 24 CZ,631	14 FOLY SCREEN C Smith 5-17-4				
404 290R00 CAMMENTOOD JUNEOR(S) J Specing 9-12-0 S Righton (5)	12 0-25 SHALLOW RIVER (18) A Collins 5-11-6 R Dunnwordy				
402 3-15F30 LORD GLERNANA (SEE) T LicGovern 8-11-13	14 SHEERCKY (48) (C) B McMahon 5-11-6 M W Months (7)				

can make a successful start to his hurdling career in the first division of the Croxton trained the Queen Mother's but I regret that as I could bome, before her next land-be using it right now." It did fall at the Cape of Good Park Novice Hurdle. The second division of the 100th winner when Gay Re-cord won at Folkestone in novice hurdle will not take a 1964. not stay that way, as she Hope. Market Rasen Lingfield (A.W.) 2.10 Yes No. .50 El Volado 3.40 Minutered 4.10 Aubitor 1.50 WESTERNSTER CLARENCE STAKES 114 44 02,122 1.40 PEW DATE HOVICE HURBLE S. C2,750 1 313000- MOMENY BLUE (465) R Thorspace 5-9-7 8 02-154 TANTAR GREE (10) (CD) (CD) (CD) W British 5-9-7 4 440/3-9 DUVIERS (17) White 5-9-13 4 860/4-3 SL VOLADOR (10) (CD) R O'Syllwan 1-9-11 2-0F1 MATCHAM BOY (17) D Nicholson 6-12-0 ... 44 ALCIAM BLUE (10) W Hammond 5-11-8 ... 43403-P BEND WATCHER (54) Mrs J Brown 7-11-8 ... 5 36/55-5 NOFLIMON I INVALID TO THOM 5-0-5 5 3635 CASHTAL (10) D Thom 5-0-5 7 05480-6 ROSE CHEEK (18) J L Harris 4-8-0 CO CHEMINY STORES (24) L Lungo 7-11-8 FORZE KRINDAKOOCIA (4) M Ciepman 5-11-8 THE STRUMP MAR Mas J Squer 7-11-5 GC-591-5 ARDESIT LONG (24) O ETOTOS 7-11-5 60-430 RASCALLY (46) Miss L Siddelf 6-77-3 TOP FORM TUPS: El Velador E, Turian Com 7 TOP ROBER THREE IS SECURITY OF THE PRINCIPLE OF T W Worthing S Taylor (7) M Brosson TOP FORM TEST Retaining Say 10, Stations Say S. 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Arsenal

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RSENAL's manager

Bruce Rioch has put nine players up for sale.

an overhaul which could end

with AC Milan's Gianluigi Lentini arriving at Highbury. The interest in the Italian

winger who once cost £13 million but now could be avail-

able for £5 million has been followed by Rioch's decision to sever links with Chris

Kiwomya, Eddie McGoldrick

and Vince Bartram, a trio bought by his Highbury pre-

decessor George Graham.

Kiwomya, signed a year ago
from Ipswich for £1.25 mil-

lion, played 14 league games last season but has not been

used even as a substitute by Rioch. McGoldrick, a £1 mil-

Russell Thomas and Ian Ross

England's players got together as part of the run-up to the European Championship yesterday at Bisham Abbey, where their coach offered advice about the qualities of his successor, writes David Lacey, while Martin Thorpe reports on the FA's fruitless search for suitable candidates for its three vacancies

Rely on an old head, says Venables

DEALLY the next Eng-land coach should have been at Bisham Abbey yesterday, watching and learning, as Terry Venables began the first of two training sessions arranged for the squad before match practice for the European Championship resumes in earnest.

Then again, perhaps Venables's successor was there after all. Peering from underneath one of the woolly hats keeping out the January cold was the face of Bryan Robson, least reluctant of the first refusals for the England job.

At the moment Robson considers a management career of less than two years is too shallow a foundation for tak-ing over England at the start of a World Cup campaign. In this he is almost certainly correct, although in the past managing Middlesbrough has tended to age some people quicker than others. Robson and a senior coach-

ing figure, Don Howe for instance, would make better sense in the England job. Yesterday Venables, having de-clared for the umpteenth time that he would not change his mind about standing down belief that the job should go to someone older.

How much older? At 39, Robson is only three years younger than Alf Ramsey was when he became England's first full-time manager at the end of 1962. Then again, Ramwich for the previous seven years, winning the league

title in that time.

The bulk of the players with whom the next England coach will have to work, initially at least, as he attempts to qualify for the 1998 World Cup in France were on dis-play at Bisham yesterday. But the European Championship, let alone the tournament bemaking sense of the multi-coloured dots used in eye tests. It all depended on one's

The player of the moment was Robbie Fowler, the prolific 20-year-old Liverpool striker called into the training party, along with Stan Collymore, his attacking partner, after Venables had seen the pair punish a 10-man is United on Saturday.

Fowler has added 23 goals this season to his 31 in 1994is still learning his trade. my game is not just about waiting for scoring chances to earned a lot from Ian Rush about defending from the front, when to give the ball and when not to give it."

Understandably, Venables was wary about talking up a player who had not been a first choice for the present session. "Fowler's in form at the moment and doing very well," he said, "but we didn't hear much about him when he was off form."

Nevertheless the England coach acknowledged Fowler's exceptional scoring ability: 'When other people can't shoot, he does.

Paul Ince, the prodigal son, arrived from Italy with a bad back and could not train proprly, even after a warm-up. But at least he was back on board. More encouragingly Jamie Redknapp, originally cast in the role of injured bystander, was able to join in.
This session ends tomor-

Belfry, near Sutton Coldfield. in three weeks. England do not play again until Bulgaria visit Wembley on March 27, followed by Croatia and Hungary in April and May.

In the opening round of the European Championship England will face Switzer land, Scotland and Holland. "We've played each of three systems three or four times," said Venables. "This is the time to get down to details

Formation-wise, it all appears to be logical enough: simply a matter of Christma tree. Scots pine and Dutch elm. Not to mention a lot of touching wood beforehand.

Aston Villa

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"It is not a job. It is a position."

says the FA's chief executive

Graham Kelly. And a difficult

position too, largely concerned with deflecting flak, soothing

liscontent and trying to reconcile

the many disperate voices which

game. No wonder Kelly sees the

ncumbent's priority as working

Reason for vacancy

Retirement of Sir Bert Millichip

Leading candidates

Hallamshire FA; Keith Wiseman,

Sheffield Wednesday chairman;

Sir Roland Smith, chairman of

Manchester United PLC: David

Deln. vice-chairman of Arsenal;

chairman of Everton; Alan Sugar,

Previous incumbents

Graham Doggari (55-63), Joe

Mears (63-66), Sir Andrew

Stephen (67-76), Sir Harold Thompson (76-81), Sir Bert

Southempton director and FA

councillor: Dave Richards.

Sir John Hall, chairman of

Newcastle: Peter Johnson

Ruled himself out

Deadline for job

End of Euro '96 in June

to be filled

Salary Unpaid

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Wanted: three wise men and a miracle

leadership of John F Kennedy, one with the missionary zeal of John Wesley, and one used to banging his head against a brick wall.

They are changing the old guard at Lancaster Gate. and three of the Football Association's top four jobs are displaying the vacancy sign: chairman, technica director and England manager. What an opportunity for the English game's governing body to spring-clean its reputation as dithering, unwieldy, out of date and out of touch; to strike out with boldness and vision into the 21st century. Do not bet on it.

The problems are already clear. Take the England manager's job. Nobody seems to want what should be the most sought-after coaching position in the land. The FA sub-committee charged with finding a replacement for Terry Ven-ables before the start of Euro '96 is fast running out of options as candidates declare themselves too young, too inexperienced or too

thankless task. So if England cannot get the best man for the job now that highly fancied younger candidates such as Bryan Robson, Kevin Keegan and Gerry Francis have ruled themselves out

sensible to take on such a

ANTED, three manager, say Bobby Rob- will have influence over managers, club chairmen the visionary younger part-time coach and FA coaches to integrate being groomed underneath. view that, given the pres-sures of the job, the next manager should be older and experienced — a Frank Clark or a Ron Atkinson.

The newly created post of technical director is also running out of candidates. though for a different reason. Most of the headhunted said they would field Wednesday. Howard nately already have one. It is a shame. Here the FA

is really trying to drag the English game out of its long-ball cul-de-sac into the technical mainstream, and a style guru is a rare progressive notion. "We are aiming high on this one," said the FA's chief executive Gra-ham Kelly. "That's why we haven't got there yet."

Such is the FA's determination to get the right man, it has cast aside a lifetime's tradition and offered the post to foreigners. "The French FA's technical director Gerard Houllier was an ideal candidate," said Kelly. "as was the former Scotland coach Andy Roxburgh. We were very keen on them but unfortunately both said no as they are currently under contract elsewhere. It is difficult; I know that Houllier was very interested in the job and said no with a

heavy heart." The search goes on, but where next?

There is growing support for a piggy-back arrangement whereby an older

The search goes on, but for what? "Up to now everyone has been paddling their own canoe." said Kelly.

"The successful candidate

coaching and education and bring continuity between The England manager will not be interfered with, though of course the two men will need to be compatible and have similar foot-

balling philosophies."
But candidates are now thin on the ground. David Pleat is ensconced at Shefbut is understood not to

So what of the third vacancy: the chairmanship of the FA. Here too there are obstacles to getting the best man for the job.

Of course, Sir Bert Milli-chip has said he will carry on into his 83rd year if the FA Council asks him to. But given that this is unlikely, here is a position that hold the key to the future harmony of an increasingly commercially driven and faction-ridden sport.

Not surprisingly the Premier League wants a stake in the most powerful job in English football, at the very least to make sure the post does not go to a well-mean-ing amateur out of synch with professional needs. It envisages a dynamic

leader, ending the FA tradition of fudge and buck-pass-ing, capable of taking a changing game into the new millennium. However, the old guard, wary of any threat to the FA's ultimate chooses to succeed Sir Bert, threat to the FA's ultimate chooses to succeed Sir Bert, power, will resist a Premier it will be under pressure to ship chairman taking the streamline the decision- Football League. "I would if not guaranteed."

Jobs for the boys Technical director

neults handed out by The Sun Reason for vacancy Departure of Terry Venables

Ostensibly to win the World Cup

and European Championship. In

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that is constantly changing because of injuries; to try and

English technique with the

football; and during all this to cope with the FA's internal

politics and victous personal

iginal shortlist

Kevin Keegan, Bryan Robson

Gerry Francis, Glenn Hoddle,

Ray Wilkins, Howard Wilkinson

Kenny Dalglish, Frank Clark,

lack Chartion, Don Howe

Withdrawals

to be filled

Keegan, Francis, Bryan Robson, Wilkins

Deadline for job

Before the start of the European

Previous incumbents

Ramsey, Don Revie, Joe Merce

Ron Greenwood, Bobby Robson

Graham Taylor, Terry Venables

brain could be the answer.

and Daily Mirror

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Reason for va

FA's original shortlist Gerard Houllier, Andy Rodaugh Terry Versibles, Roy Hödgson,

David Pleat, John Cartwright. (former technical director of FA's National School at Lileshall)

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Others mentioned

No longer in frame

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lion purchase from Crystal Palace, is similarly out of favour, as is Bartram, bought for £400,00 from Bourne-

mouth as goalkeeping cover Rioch had already put Da-vie Hillier, Steve Morrow and Mark Flatts up for sale and his list is completed by Scott Marshall, Paul Read and Paul

Shaw. Sunderland's chances of luring the veteran Liverpool striker Ian Rush to the North-

east receded yesterday.
In the push for promotion,
Peter Reid had asked for Rush on loan. This was refused, the inference being that the Sun-

Although Rush has long insisted he would be content to spend the remainder of his career on Merseyside, he al-

The 34-year-old Welshman is due a free transfer in the summer and Liverpool may decide to cash in before his manager Roy Evans said: "If we could reach agreement on keep him. But we have discussed nothing yet.

"He's the type of footballer you can't actually replace. He was in my team and doing particularly well before he sustained a knee injury which required surgery."
Manchester City today ex-

pect to bring in a third German by signing the left-back Michael Frontzeck from Borussia Mönchengladbach.

The Wolves manager Mark McGhee is giving a week's to the Czec Jiri Novomy. The 26-year-old Sparta Prague defender, who has 25 caps, is due to arrive at

Molineux today. Rangers and Aberdeen were last night considering urgent appeals after Alan McLaren and Billy Dodds were handed retrospective red cards after an incident at Ibrox in November.

After a delay because of a police investigation, McLaren, the Rangers defander, and Dodds, the Aberdeen striker, received onematch bans and 12 disciplinary points. Dodds faces a further two-game ban because he has exceeded the disciplinary points limit, and McLaren is one caution short of a further three-match suspension.

Real Madrid hope Iglesias can put them back on song

Adela Gooch in Madrid

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PEAL MADRID are trying to tempt Arsenio Iglesias. Deportivo La Coruña's inspirational former manager, out of retirement to replace Jorge Valdano, summarily dismissed after the champions' 2-1 home

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Results defeat by lowly Rayo Vallecano

on Sunday night.

The result left Real 16
points behind their local rivals Atletico Madrid at the top of the league, at least nine points short of a Uefa Cup qualifying place and with no chance of contesting the next Champions' Cup; last Thursday they went out of the Spanish Cup to Espanyol of Barceions in the last 16.

Losing to Rayo Vallecano was the last straw. Within minutes of the final whistle the Argentine-born Valdano was out and Vicente del Bosque was appointed caretaker-manager. Dubbed "The Philosopher"

for his deep thinking on the game, the suave, articulate Valdano is the author of a best-selling book, Football Dreams. He always had enemies, however, Real Madrid's "Ultra" faction of radical right-wing supporters saw him as a suduca rojo, a "South American Commie" whose liberal views were at odds with a club that enjoyed close links with General Franco's regime and retains a strongly conservative image.

The *Ultras* emblazoned their scorn in "sudaca out" slogans on the walls of Real's Santiago Bernabeu stadium and many have boycotted recent home matches.

Soccer

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Bay or Altrincham, Morecambe or Emiley v
Kinderminister or Galeshead: Dudley Tin v
Merthyr: Bognor Regis Tin v Radioliffa Bor:
Boretam Wood v Doner Ath or Chellenham Tin: Famborough Tin or Slough Tin v
Kettering or St. Albara, Boston Utd or
Chorley v Gantsborough Trinity: Bath C or
Yeowil Tin v Hayas or Enfeld, Macclestied
v Purloot: Blyth Spartans v Stalybridge
Coltic or Greeley River Carshalton v Newport AFC, Stevenage Bor v Burton Ato,
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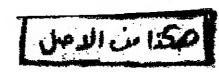
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Pools Forecast

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SPORTS NEWS 15

The incident in France's 15–12 victory was highlighted on BBC's Rugby Special on Sunday and evoked sour memories from last season in Paris when, in France's first game of the championship, their lock Olivier Merle was shown on British television to have headbutted the Wales prop Ricky Evans.

Evans was subsequently carried off the field after falling and breaking his ankle.
After an outery in England
Merle was then banned from the game at Twickenham the

The France manager Andre
Herrero has agreed to give
"the closest attention" to video replays of the latest in-cident, adding that if deliberate stamping were proven the 21-year-old Dax player would be banned for at least two international matches.

best chance of the match went begging — after Jon Sleight-bolme and Will Carling had set up the possibility of a try, only for Rory Underwood's pass to Mike Catt to go to ground.
In the middle of the move

Clarke had set up the ruck, and he said after the match as the gash in his head was being stitched: "I never saw the rest of the move unfold because, having taken Jon's pass and set up the ruck, I got

pass and set up the ruck, I got a hefty boot in the head. I don't know if it was an accident or not but if it was intentional I totally condemn it."

Hallett said: "We are writing to the FFR, but in consultation with Ben Clarke we will not be citing Dourthe or taking the matter further. In not pursuing the incident be. not pursuing the incident be-yond this letter we are leaving it to the judgment and good sense of the FFR, who will be informed of what Rugby Special highlighted after the match.

"Ben is still in France and I spoke to him before sending the letter. He is happy with the our action."
In Saturday's match pro-

gramme Dourthe's discipline had been mentioned: "[With] an over-enthusiasm and a temperament that should, all the same, be mastered a little more, his staple is to present The incident happened imperformances of a magnifi-mediately before England's cent range."

Kelaher dims Campo lights

Bristol 23, New South Wales 34

AVID CAMPESE was always able to walk on water, but no one suspected he was also in control of the electricity grid. After three successive floodlight failures against high-profile touring sides, Bristol stayed brightly aglow last night for the start of New South Wales's nine-match tour of

the British Isles. Campese and his fellow pletely in the dark early on, though, Bristol piecing together a free-flowing three-quarter move to send their full-back Dave Bennett in at the corner for a seventh-minute try handsomely converted by Arwel Thomas.

Tim Wallace, the visitors' was no further joy for Bristol. fly-half, then sold a perfect Kelaher tied things up for the dummy and watched Matt Dixon and Campese send Tim Kelaher stride away for an outstanding score.

That gave the signal for a flurry of scoreboard activity. Kyran Bracken, England's discarded scrum-half, tapped a penalty to himself and crashed over for a try con-verted by Thomas. Kelaher responded by striding clear for his second try four min-utes later, Thomas banged

gifted player on view, squared it at 17-17 by dummying over from a set scrum and convert-

Wallace, probably the mos

ing for good measure.
Thomas restored Bristol's lead with a penalty three minutes after half-time, before two muscular tries in six min-utes from the powerful open-side Daniel Manu, one of them converted, gave the Australians an edge they were never to lose.

Thomas reduced the deficit with a third penalty 10 min-Australians were almost com-pletely in the dark early on. the blind-side flanker Martin orry, turning in a performance of rich promise after his efforts for England A at the weekend, and the young centre Kevin Maggs asked some serious questions of the visiting defence, there

the final whistle. SCORERS: Bristol: Tries: Bennett, Bracken Conversions: Thomas 2. Penaltics: Thomas 3. How South Webs: Tries: Ketaher 3. Manu 2. Wallace. Conversions: Wallace 2

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Dixon.

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Istrilli, K O'Kane, A Baddes, N Hervey, S
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over a penalty in reply and | Referen C White (Chettenham).

again. "I would love to play for Wales but I have not had

many games since leaving

Warrington and I am not being chosen by Cardiff at outside-half," he said.

He is still something of an outsider at Cardiff. Money dictated that he played for them rather than his native Llanelli, but even in the cup

romp against Penarth last

Saturday he was missed out more than he was passed to and there were ironic cheers when he finally got on the scoreboard by converting the game's final try. Bowring will today an-

fore choosing the team for

Few changes are expected from the side that beat Italy

last week, but the outside-half

position will come under the microscope. Nigel Davies is

fit again at inside-centre but there was concern at a lack of

balance in the second row and a dearth of line-out options in

the back row.

SWALEC CUP: Sixth-round draws
Caerphilly v South Wates Police;
Llandovery v Newport Llanelly endigend;
Pontypridd v Maestag; Newbridge v;
Rumney; Swanses v Cardill; Cardin
Institute v Desivant, Neath v Whitfand. Ties
to be played February 24.

Twickenham.

Wales emphasis on youth may keep Davies out of side

David Plummer

ONATHAN DAVIES will learn today whether he has been recalled to the Wales squad 10 weeks after his return from rugby league and seven vears after he last The Wales coach Kevin Bowring's emphasis on youth may weigh against Davies, who is 33, but with the out-side-half Neil Jenkins still struggling with a shoulder in-jury Wales may decide that Twickenham next week is no

place for Jenkins's novice deputy Arwel Thomas.

Davies has played only five matches for Cardiff since his 270,000 move from Warring- weekend training camp beton. Just two of those appear

ances have been in his fa-voured outside-half position, both in friendlies. He is currently playing at inside-centre for Cardiff, kept out of the No. 10 jersey by Adrian Davies, who is consid-ering an offer to play for the Italian club Benetton Treviso, who must replace Michael

Lynagh next season.

Jonathan Davies, who is employed by the Welsh Rugby Union on a part-time basis as a development officer, is keen to play international rugby

the British middleweight champion, on March 9 in Millstreet, Cork.

Cricket

Craig Spearman (71 not out) and Roger Twose (57 not out) boosted New Zealand on the third day of the second Test against Zimbabwe in Auckland. They reached 138 for no

Cricket

Now angry Reeve breaks silence of the sheepish

And the Rock

S ENGLAND's players made a world-weary return to Heathrow early this morning, they were unlikely to find immediate solace in a campaign for free speech. After a wretched finale to their tour of South Africa they might have preferred to take rafuge in an enforced silence. leaving Raymond Illingworth to fume and fulmi-

nate in the accepted manner. When the hurt diminishes, however, England's players will recognise that the Professional Cricketers' Association's pressure for more free-dom of expression is long

ing compared with their end of last summer. I have veney it is beginning to learn meek acceptance, year upon been slightly rusty and you from football's example. meek acceptance, year upon year, of the Test and County Cricket Board's restrictions on their right to a basic

on their right to a hasic human right.

The latest player to risk the TCCB's wrath is Dermot Reeve, who yesterday announced himself "angry and bewildered" to have been omitted from England's World Cup party. If Reeve ever found a bushel he would place his light on top of it, and place his light on top of it, and he had the wherewithal to ex-

what should be viewed as an acceptable manner.

"I played just twice, bowling 19 overs and facing 18 balls," he said. "I don't think I've been given too much opportunity. It was very difficult coming here having not overdue. Their surrender in portunity. It was very diffi-the one-day series against cult coming here having not new general secretary (and South Africa has been noth-played any cricket since the Test selector) David Gra-

been slightly rusty and you can't find form when you play in just two games."

Reeve might be regarded by England's captain Michael Atherton as an acquired taste, but his tactical acumen and innovative one-day thinking would have lifted a dispirited side, and both Illingworth and Atherton seemed to recognise as much when they added him to their South African one-day squad.

press an honest opinion in what should be viewed as an acceptable manner.

Trived, freshly honoured with the OBE, Reeve fell out of favour. Amid such inconsis-

Instead, the moment he ar-

contract.

Its statement politely, but pointedly, suggested to the TCCB yesterday that "some people" regarded present restrictions as "an infringe-ment of the rights of individuals and the rules of natural justice". Regulations were de-scribed as "insufficiently bal-anced and far wider than is necessary". A meeting has

World Cup.
Devon Malcolm's extraordinary outburst over Illingworth's allegedly bullying manner will be punished in any event. By not clearing his article with the tour manage-ment (and that, not surprisingly, meant Illingworth him-self), he has breached his

been requested after the

But the PCA will contend



Illingworth . . . bullying

that Malcolm's inability to defend himself in print immediately after he had been derided as "a cricketing nonentity" and a fast bowler Australia, has been included in their land a fast bowler and a fast bowler "with no brain" ensured that what might have been a tem-porary dispute degenerated into a permanent feud. in their 14-man squad for the World Cup. • Graham Halbish, the Aus-

total ban on players' media work during the tour, a move which would virtually have installed him as the perpetual

tralian Cricket Board's chief Illingworth had sought be-fore the tour to implement a executive, will meet members of his country's World Cup squad, being named today, to try to allay their fears concerning their safety during the tournament. The players have discussed boycotting

fount of all wisdom. He was forced to back down after pressure from several players' agents and newspaper groups. Trying to explain

their opening match in Sri Lanka on February 17 beers' agents and newspaper cause several received threatgroups. Trying to explain their failures might have done them some good.

Cause several received threatening letters after Australia's matches against Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Scud falls to earth

VERYTHING Mark Philippoussis touched turned to gold when he ambushed the top seed Pete Sampras in three near-flawless sets under the Flinders Park stadium roof at the Australian Open on Saturday night. A star had been born; a shooting star as it proved to be, because the 19year-old burned up and lost 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 to his fellow Australian Mark Woodforde in

the fourth round yesterday.
It was an experience reminiscent of Mary Pierce's in the closing stages of the French Open in 1994. There, after crushing Steffi Graf 6-2, 6-2 in the semi-finals, she could do almost nothing right in the title match against

Arantxa Sanchez Vicario. Philippoussis and Pierce have two things in common. Both pursue a style finely balanced between genius and ir-responsibility, and both have (or in Pierce's case have had)

Nick Bollettieri. Against Sampras, who is es-sentially a power player like himself, Philippoussis dined off the pace the American gave him; the more Sampras stoked up the boiler, the hotter the teenager got. Against the wily Woodforde (and bearing in mind that the roof was open to allow a swirling wind), he was left to generate

his own pace.
"When the big guys slam it down, Scud [a fitting nick-name] just loves it," Woodforde said. "But he doesn't like changes of pace. What he hasn't learned yet is how to change his game when things aren't going well. And he only did that when he was 5-0 down in the third."

To many in the crowd who had seen Saturday's match on television or read the acres of adulation for him, Philip-poussis's performance must have been a sad disappoint-ment. He may never play as well again as he did against the world No. 1. His potential

is enormous, however. It was only as he stepped up to serve for his first quarterfinal place after 10 unsuccessful appearances at the Open that the 30-year-old Woodforde experienced his first nervous twitch. Up till then he had dropped only 11 points in 11 service games. In the 12th he lost six.

At the second time of ask ing, however, he made no mistake. He had achieved with subtlety and variety what Sampras had failed to do with raw pace. "But don't feel sorry for Mark," said Wood-forde, "He will learn a lot from today. And he will be a better player for it."

on years of experience and a career in which his victims have included John McEnroe in his prime, brought the young Scud crashing to earth far more easily than did any Patriot in the Gulf War.

Philippoussis recognised that he had been outsmarted. "Mark showed me today that experience is the key." And he might also have noted that Woodforde was never intimi-dated by a serve that, though peaking at 132mph, was bro-

ken seven times. Woodforde now takes on Sweden's Thomas Enqvist. who, after a tight first set against Italy's Renzo Furlan, struck a purple patch to win 14 consecutive games and the match 7-5, 6-0, 6-3. Philippoussis, meanwhile, will go to Bollettieri's camp to work on his tennis education and an extremely dodgy forehand.

Woodforde has no real expectations of taking the title. But Yevgeny Kafelnikov has, as he made clear after roasting the unseeded American MaliVai Washington 6-3, 6-2, 6-4, when he said he had the game and confidence to become champion now that Sampras, the one player he

feared, had gone. So far the 21-year-old Russian has had a trouble-free run, dropping only one set. But he will be tested more severely by Borls Becker tomorrow after the German found inspired form in recovering to beat New Zealand's Brett Steven 1-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2. for the first hour, by which time he was a set and a break down, Becker then won seven games at a cost of only four points to snatch the initiative.

times last year, taking a 2-1 lead when he overwhelm the Russian in Frankfurt. A disappointing first day for Britain in the boys' singles, which began with a 6-1, 6-4 defeat for the second seed Martin Lee, from Worthing, was redeemed by the No. 12 James Treatment from Inswich who Troiman, from Ipswich, who beat the Australian Sayed Ak-

ram Zaman 6-8, 6-3.



Hingis' humour has sharp edge as she cuts path to the last eight

TENNIS is a serious busi- | widely late in the second | Becker met Kafelnikov three ness but at 15 it is still fun to Martina Bingis. With a broad smile on her face she served underarm to Brenda Schultz-McCarthy during the first set on her way to becoming the youngest quarter-finalist since Jennifer Capriati at the Australian Open yester-

set when the tall Dutch girl whacked a serve past her at 122,5mph — the fastest ever recorded on the WTA Tour. Not that it did the No. 11 seed much good. She was tronnced 6-1, 6-4 in just 59 minutes by the talented Swiss miss who made only four unforced errors to her

ing shots. Although Hingis's under-arm tactic failed to win her

the point she was leading 5-1 in the first set and she explained afterwards: "She [Schultz-McCarthy] was standing maybe three metres behind the baseline, so it was fun."

day, writes David Irvine. opponent's 34. Schultz-Mc Her next opponent is a 6-3, 6-2 vi She grinned even more Carthy was cut apart by the South Africa's Amanda bara Schett.

precision of Hingis's pass- | Coetzer, a 6-3, 6-3 winner against Elena Likhovtseva, who had beaten last year's champion Mary Pierce.
On an otherwise rather predictable day the Spanfar too fast and accurate for the American Lindsay Dav-

lard Conchita Martinez was

enport, winning 6-3, 6-1, and now faces Anke Huber, Her next opponent is a 6-3, 6-2 victor over Bar

ice Hockey

Pools Forers

Trouble in Panthers' den

Vic Batchelder

THE point Nottingham Panthers thought they had saved when Paul Adey equalised 35 seconds from the end of their Sunday-night home game with Fife Flyers may yet be lost. The authorities have called for reports into crowd trouble at the end of what had been a very ordi-

nary encounter.
Flyers were leading 4-3 when their player-coach Mark Morrison was sin-binned in the final minute for binned in the final minute for "roughing". Adey then scored, completing a hat-trick, and when the final hooter sounded several Fly-ers, apparently upset at the Morrison penalty, headed for the dressing room, ignoring the end-of-game handshakes and presentations required and presentations required by Premier Division rules.
On their way some of the
Fife players became involved in verbal exchanges with the

Dempster confirmed that he had asked for reports from the referee and other officials at the game.

Visiting sides have had problems with the crowd at Nottingham in the past when making their way to and from the dressing rooms, and Dempster added: "We were given an assurance it would

not happen again."

He also revealed that Nottingham's defender Graham
Waghorn should not have been playing at all, because a penalty he received during their 10-5 victory at Slough the previous night had taken him to five disciplinary points and an automatic onegame ban. The game could now be de-clared forfeit and awarded to

Fife, but Dempster declined to predict the outcome pending "the club's explanation". Sheffield Steelers meanwhile took four points from weekend wins over Milton Keynes (10-1) and Newcastle Warriors (8-4) to increase

Hockey

Britain at their best to beat Belarus

creased to £1.4 million but | training in Sydney to escape

Pat Rowley in Barcelona

THREE goals in 15 minutes set up Britain's 4-1 defeat of Belarus at the Olympic qualifying tournament here yesterday. The victory, their first here, took them up to third place behind Spain and Holland, their next two opponents after today's

rest day.
Britain's corner drills produced goals from their second and third in the first five min-

Sport in brief

The winner of the Open

Championship at Royal

Lytham from July 18-21 will

receive 60 per cent more than

John Daly earned when he triumphed at St Andrews last

utes. Jon Wyatt scored the speed, moving the ball first after Nick Thompson's quickly. The left-wing pair shot had been blocked, and calum Giles found the bottom wice and then Thompson, from the last one but Thompson, and then Thompson the past Thompson. corner from the next. Thompson added the third and, much later, the fourth after verted a corner for Belarus.

Belarus are probably the weakest team here, but Britain's win is the biggest so far in the tournament against an awkward, even somewhat agricultural side. Britain started at lightning

prompted by the centre-half terchange of passes with his Takher, who undermined the Belarus defence. The third goal, however, was entirely the work of Thompson, who seized on a defensive error, took the ball along the back line and cheek-

ily forced the ball in at the second attempt.

but it was the right-wing pair. son quickly cancelled it out Mayer and Shaw, well with a clever lob after an in-

GREAT BRITAINS S Mason; Soma Singh, J Wyah, G Fordham, K Tahher, S Hazilti, C Mayer, J Shaw, R Thompson, J Laslett (capt), N Thompson. BELARIUS: A Eklemenko; A Vintshevisch, G Bribovski, D Joukovski, S Occadov, A Gulkoves, I Volnouk, A Boudhitov, A Tchebotarsv, I Korotichenko, S Klimovisch,

the English winter, will race at meetings in Adelaide on Friday and Perth on Sunday. cluding Lamy's current Italian partner Luca Badoer. Squash

Christie, the Olympic 100 metres champion, is anxious to test how well his training Phil Whitlock, the former England captain, is to retire from the Professional Squash has gone in Australia. home crowd. Warriors (6-2) to increase of £75,000 Yesterday the British Ice Hockey Association's disciplinary chairman Frank lik, who have a game in hand. They reached 138 for a land of the like their premier League lead to year. An increase of £75,000 year an increase of £75,000 lifts the top prize to £200,000. Linford Christie and Colin ian Formula One team Mining to lead by 63 overall.

to spend more time with his | title against Neville Brown, second driver will be named soon from five candidates, in-

Motor Sport

Chatriot (Peugeot).

Patrick Bernardini (Escort) took an early lead in the Monte Carlo Rally, building up a lead of 46sec over his

fellow Frenchman Francois

Steve Collins will defend his wicket in their second in-

(£42,000); and seventh £40,000 (239,000).

only the top seven finishers will benefit. The runner-up

will receive £150,000 (£100,000

last year) and other top prizes

are: third £100,000 (£80,000); fourth £75,000 (£65,000); fifth

£55,000 (£52,000); sixth £45,000

Motor Racing

The Portuguese driver Pedro

Association Tour after 10 years on the circuit. Whit-

Sports Guardian

UNITED STAY IN PURSUIT OF THE PREMIERSHIP TITLE

West Ham United 0, Manchester United 1

New Cantona is scorer and peacemaker

AYEAR to the week after the kung-fu kick that earned Eric Cantona an infamous place in football his-tory, the Frenchman found himself playing peacemaker after scoring a vital goal that stiffened Manchester United's flagging pursuit of Newcastle United at the top of the Premier League. His placatory influence ap-

peared in the angry scenes when Butt was sent off six minutes from time after a scything foul on Dicks, his second bookable offence.

Trailing Newcastle by 12 points, Alex Ferguson's team needed to get their act together if second place was serve. West Ham had won only once in six league games and lost the other five, a slump which had dragged them back into trouble, but Manchester United had se-cured only two victories in

Within two minutes Ferguson's players were experiencing some familiarly anxious vibes. The Manchester United manager might have aban-doned the experiment with three centre-backs so ruth-lessly exposed by Sunderland in the FA Cup. but his defence was still lacking Pallister and was by no means secure.

West Ham could and should have gone ahead in the second minute. Bruce misread an enormous clearance from Miklosko, allowing Cot-tee to hit the ball sweetly as it dropped. Unfortunately for underside of the bar.

produced confident but un-heeded claims for handball against 'Cantona which did nothing to alleviate Mancunian feelings of unease. In attack, however, the picture was rather different.

was rather different.

The alacrity with which Giggs began taking the ball past defenders and the space. Manchester United's movements usually created once they had crossed the halfway line suggested that they were just as likely to take an early lead, and so it proved. lead, and so it proved.

In the eighth minute came a

marvellous piece of impudence by Giggs, who flicked the ball past Dicks as he turned West Ham on the right and left the defence exposed. He then exchanged passes with Cole before driving the ball low across goal. A stretching Sharpe could not reach it at the far post but behind him was Cantona, who threaded the ball. who threaded the ball through a needle's eye to

score. West Ham offered a brisk and imaginative response. A shot from Williamson canat the near post after a canny centre from Dicks had dropped over Phil Neville's head at left-back, assuring Upton Park of sustained excitement if not necessarily a home victory.
With neither side inclined

to press up into midfield and both spreading their wings there was usually plenty of space between the penalty areas. Creative players of the quality of Giggs, Cantona and Moncur will always prosper

With Butt and Keane central areas. Manchester tempo and pattern of the foot-ball and should have increased their lead before half-

It was a year to the day since Cole had started his first match at Old Trafford, following a 27 million transfer from Newcastle, by missing a sitter against Blackburn. Last night, just past the half-hour, he marked the an-

for a shot but the ball arrived at the feet of Cole, who promptly hoisted it over the bar. A little earlier Sharpe, another the beneficiary of Cantona's skills, placed a free header into the West Ham net only to find the goal disallowed for a rather less obvi-ous handling offence by the overlooked at the other end.

The second half found West Ham in a more subdued mood and their opponents omi-nously relaxed. Manchester United were now concentrat ing more on getting men be-hind the ball when they lost possession, which meant that West Ham were more likely to run out of space before they could get within range.

After Butt's dismissal West Ham attacked furiously and it Schmeichel to deny Dowie's close-range snap shot five



Anfield connection . . . Stan Collymore (left) and Robbie Fowler, the Liverpool pair who were called up late to the England training squad at Bisham, talk tactics yesterday. David Lacey reports, page 14

Keegan offers £6.8m for Asprilla

Colombia's brilliant World Cup striker, still in-terests Newcastle. Kevin Keegan, determined to lift the Premiership title this season, is offering almost £7 million for the 26-yearold whose Italian club Parma rejected United's £6 million bid three months

go. Newcastle's French intergins a three-match suspen-

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Jon Snow

sion shortly, and Asprilla is known to be interested in English football. He almost

joined Leeds United for 24.2 million this season. After discussing his £10 million budget with his chahman Sir John Hall, Keegan told Parma that the offer was now £6.8 million. He is also hoping to sign Blackburn Rovers' combat-ive England midfielder David Batty, who was dropped at the weekend. Blackburn want £4.5 mil-

at no more than £3 million.

New demon sitting on Damon's tail



Richard Williams

would be feeling pretty ner-vous about the news that Michael Schumacher has signed yet another sponsor-ship deal, just in time for the

This is not a matter of financial envy, you understand, al-though the latest increment to Schumacher's income will apparently make him the third-highest paid sportsman in the world. The money is not the problem. What should be keeping Hill awake at nights is the fact that the man standing between him and the world championship has aligned himself with Nike. It is now almost a quarter of a century since Phil Knight,

Nike's founder, paid an Amer ican middle distance runner called Steve Prefontaine about £3,000 to wear his new company's running shoes. who established the Nike pref erence for sportsmen with

In terms of shifting units, the key deal was cut in 1985 when Michael Jordan signed a contract worth £12 million over seven years, plus a five over seven years, plus a five per cent royalty on the net wholesale price of every pair of Nike Air Jordans sold. Nike sold something like \$4 billion of gear around the world last year, its customers motivated by an image cunningly developed to stress the link between running shoes and the qualities of aggression and confrontation. The athletes most closely associated with the Nike philosophy are McEnroe and Andre Agassi, iour was ruthlessly exploited

to enhance their marketing So precisely has the com-pany tuned itself in to the Zeitgeist that three years ago its chief copywriter was named by Newsweek maga-zine as one of the 100 most

influential people in America N BRITAIN, Ian Wright and Bric Cantona are featured in its campaigns, not all of which are pleasing to the Corinthian spirit. Was there ever a more repellent poster than the one featuring Wright under the headline
"Gary Who?" Fortunately, no

all over London than Wright

up to the copywriter's promise, proving beyond doubt his inability to match Gary Lineker's achievements in the England team. If there was a more coarsely insulting effort, it must have been the notorious Cantona advertise ment: "1966 was a great year for English football. Eric was

born." Funny, certainly, but

somehow demeaning too.
Hubris has often seemed to
be the downfall of Nike performers. Carl Lewis, Michael Johnson and Sergei Bubka had their images plastered all over Barcelona during the 1992 Olympics, only to devise various methods of failing. A year later Quincy Watts, attempting to add the 400 metres world championship to his Olympic title, suffered the most ironic of disasters when his Nike shoe disintegrated on the Stuttgart track. But what the case of Cantona proves is that Nike's copywriters are chillingly capable of turning catastrophe to their own ad-vantage, and that if the performer's personality has been defined clearly enough then the actual result no longer

So potent is this corporate culture that it can turn an ath-lete into a rebel by association; even a patently nice guy like Pete Sampras, whose manners would not have been out of place at an All England Club tea party in the days of Fred Perry and Kitty Godfree, had his image adjusted by his membership of the Nike club. And when they use Beat Generation veterans like Demnis Hopper or William Burroughs to advertise running shoes, you can't help but smile.

CHUMACHER has signed a four-year deal, said to be worth about £2 million a ear. Added to the £17 million to drive the car this year, and the £8 million or so from other sponsors, this will lift him from ninth place in Forbes azine's 1995 chart of sport's top earners to third place in the coming year's standings, behind Jordan and Mike Tyson, respectively the recipients of £30 million and £27 million in 1995, and looking at an even more prosper-

The surprise is that it has taken Schumacher so long to join in. He and Nike are natural partners. After all, what do you suppose he was saying to himself at Adelaide in 1994 when he hit the wall and veered back into the centre of the track to clout Hill out of the title race? Simple: "Just do it!" Now watch out for motor racing needs . . .

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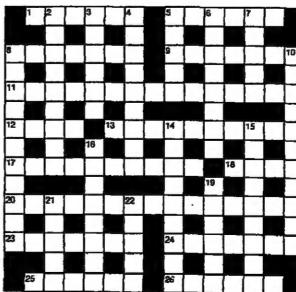


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9 Slattern has to walk to work

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13 Ticker-tape instrument (10) 17 Man's crisis, it turns out, is

in his own vanity (10) 18 Scrap is mostly surplus (4) 20 Tense notable in attendance

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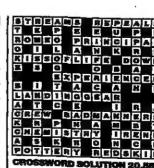
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6 Treble, possibly, in the stalls? (8) 7 Little growth indicated by

college president (5) 8 Having spilled paint, chap is in Ahab's office (11)

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15 Substitute for soldiers here

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